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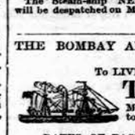
STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, & CALCUTTA.



THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above, with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, every fourtgen days.

The Steam-ship CASHMERE, 1,028 tons, 200 H. P., Commander J. T. Lewis, will be despatched on the 29th March 1870, at noon.

	March 1870		April.
Leave Bombay	29	Leave Galle	5
„ Carwar	30	„ Negapatam	8
„ Mangalore	31	„ Madras	11
April		„ Coconada	13
„ Cannanore	1	„ Visagapatam	14
„ Calicut	1	„ Bimlipatam	14
„ Beypore	1	„ Gopalpore	15
„ Cochin	2	Arrive Calcutta	17
„ Tuticorin	3		
„ Colombo	4		

This route is the most expeditious and economical for Passengers for the Neilgherries district, Bangalore, and Madras, who can land at Calicut for Beypore, and proceed from thence by rail.

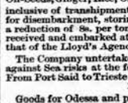
Passengers for Calcutta can take the same route, picking up the steamer at Madras.

No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF VIA KURRACHEE.

(Interchanging Cargo and Passengers at Bussorah, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company.)



THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited) under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer every 14 days to the Persian Gulf, touching at Kurrachee, Guadur, Muscat, Runder Abbas, Lingg, Bushire, Fao, Mahomerah, and Bussorah.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE

THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, and in connection with the Weekly Service from England, despatch a Steamer to Kurrachee every Monday at noon.

The Steam-ship KURRACHEE, 540 Tons, 120 H. P., Commander A. Cottier, will be despatched on the 28th March 1870, at on.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

FOR LIVERPOOL DIRECT.

Via Suez Canal.

THE new A. I. Screw Steamer BYWELL CASTLE, 891 tons register, 120 horse power, will be despatched hence about 5th proximo. For Freight only apply to

W. NICOL & Co., Agents

Bombay, 23rd March 1870.

CARWAR TO LIVERPOOL DIRECT.

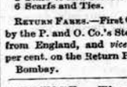
Via Suez Canal.

THE first class Steam Ship LADY CLIVE, 809 tons register, 100 Horse Power, expected at Carwar about the first week in April, will load as above. For Freight &c., apply to

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 2nd March 1870.

FOR LIVERPOOL DIRECT VIA SUEZ CANAL.



THE A. I. Screw Steamer MIRZANEE, 800 tons register, 150 Horse Power, Captain Smith, will be despatched hence about 5th proximo. For freight only apply to

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 23rd March 1870.

FOR LIVERPOOL DIRECT VIA SUEZ CANAL.

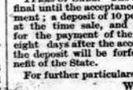
THE A. I. Steamer FIRE QUEEN, 726 tons register, 180 Horse Power, Wm. Day, Commander, will be despatched hence about 28th instant. For freight only apply to

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 23rd March 1870.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST.

Steamers LORD CLYDE, GENERAL HAVELOCK, GENERAL OUTRAM, and TILAK.



ONE of the above Steamers will be despatched every week to and from the Malabar Coast, calling at the intermediate Ports on the following days :—

Down Steamers.			Up Steamers.	
Leave	Bombay .....Saturday.	Leave	Cochin .....Friday.	
„	Rutnagherry...Sunday.	„	Beypore.....Saturday.	
„	Malwan ..... „	„	Calicut ..... „	
„	Vingorla..... „	„	Tellicherry.. „	
„	Goa.....Monday.	„	Cannanore.. „	
„	Carwar..... „	„	Mangalore..Sunday.	
„	Compta .....„	„	Compta....Monday.	
„	Honawar....Tuesday.	„	Carwar ..... „	
„	Cahnanore...Wednesday.	„	Goa.....Tuesday.	
„	Tellicherry..... „	„	Vingorla..... „	
„	Calicut..... „	„	Malwan..... „	
„	Beypore ..... „	„	Rutnagherry Wednesday.	
Arrive	Cochin.....Thursday.	Arrive	Bombay.....Thursday.	

The Steamer LORD CLYDE, Captain Kinsmore, will be despatched according to the above table on SATURDAY next, the 26th instant, at 4 P.M.

NOWROJEE BHICAJEE, Manager.

No. 6, Borah Bazaar Street, 21st March, 1870.

ITALIAN STEAM SHIP COMPANY RUBATTINO.

(Direct service between Bombay, Messina, Naples, Leghorn, and Genoa. Cargo also booked to all other Mediterranean Ports with transhipment at Genoa.)

THE Steam Ship Company of Messrs. R. RUBATTINO & Co., under contract with the Italian Government, intend to ESTABLISH a regular LINE of STEAMERS, between the above named Italian Port and Bombay, and with this view have already despatched to this port the first-class Steamer AFRICA, 1,500 tons, Captain Dodero, expected to arrive here on MONDAY, the 28th instant.

This steamer will accordingly be despatched hence on or about the 10th April, with first and second class passengers and general cargo to the following ports, viz, Aden, Suez, Port Said, Alexandria, Messina, Naples, Leghorn and Genoa.

Insurance may be effected on very moderate terms under the Company's Floating Policy on goods shipped by their own Steamers.

For further particulars, rates of freight &c., apply to

VOLKART BROTHERS, Agents.

Bombay, 23rd March 1870.

NEW OVERLAND ROUTE (via SUEZ CANAL.)

DIRECT SERVICE BETWEEN BOMBAY and MARSEILLES, touching at ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, and MARSEILLES.

LA COMPAGNIE MARSEILLAISE DE NAVIGATION A VAPEUR.—MARC FRAISSINET PERE and FILS will DESPATCH STEAMERS MONTHLY from BOMBAY to MARSEILLES, via the SUEZ CANAL, thus dispensing with the necessity of transhipment of Goods and Passengers at Suez and Alexandria.

Pursuer.—The Company undertake to grant through Bills of Lading for Aden, Suez, Port Said, Alexandria, Malta, Marseilles, Genoa, Leghorn, Civita Vecchia, Naples, Barcelona, Havre, and other Continental Ports. They have also made arrangements to forward Cotton at a through rate from Bombay to the principal towns in France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium, and Holland.

Shippers will have the option, on due notice being given, of shipping at Marseilles Cotton destined for other parts of the Continent, which will be regulated at the average rate charged by the same Steamer.

Duty on Goods shipped to Europe to be payable at Marseilles in French money.

The undersigned are further prepared to receive Merchandize from up-country, and to forward same to any part of Europe.

INSURANCE may be effected on very moderate terms, under the Company's Floating Policy, on goods shipped by their own Steamers. Premiums of Insurance from Bombay to Marseilles ½ per cent.

PASSENGER RATES.

(Inclusive of Wines, and all Transit Fees through the Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.
To Aden	£ 25	£ 15
„ Suez	£ 40	£ 22-10
„ Port Said	£ 42	£ 24
„ Marseilles	£ 56	£ 36

Children over three and under ten years of age, half fare.

In accordance with the above, the Steam Ship ASIE, 3,200 tons, Captain Lafisque, will be despatched from Bombay on or about the 4th April, and will be followed by the EUROPE, Captain Martino, to sail about the 3rd May next.

For further particulars, rates of Freight, &c., apply to

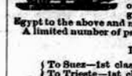
KUNKLER, PREISWERCK, & Co., Agents.

Elphinstone Circle, 9th March, 1870.

SHIPPING.

OVERLAND FREIGHT ROUTE.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL, LONDON, TRIESTE, MARSEILLES, BRINDISI, VENICE, NAPLES, LEGHORN, GENOA, BARCELONA, HAVRE, ADEN, AND SUEZ.



THE Bombay and Bengal Steam Ship Company, under arrangements with other first class lines of Steamers from Alexandria, undertake to give through Bills of Lading for Goods via Egypt to the above and most other Continental Ports.

A limited number of passengers can be accommodated.

Rates of Fare.

{ To Suez—1st class £40, 2nd class £22. 10s. } Exclusive
{ To Trieste—1st class £53, 2nd class £34., } of Wines.

Exclusive of Transit.

Passengers by or for our Steamers will be furnished with First-class Tickets between Alexandria and Marseilles by Messrs. Fraissinet & Co.'s line for £10; making the passage-money between Bombay and Marseilles £50, exclusive of transit in Egypt.

We have arranged our departures from Bombay so as to arrive immediately before the departure of Messrs. Fraissinet's Steamer from Alexandria and avoid delay to passengers. The Marseilles Boats leave Alexandria every Thursday morning.

Steamers will leave Bombay every alternate Monday.

For Freight or Passage apply to Messrs. Stephen, Kennard & Co., London; Messrs. Tod, Kennard & Co., Liverpool; Messrs. Tod, Rathborne & Co., Alexandria; Austrian Lloyd's Steam Navigation Company, Trieste and Venice; Messrs. Fraissinet Pere et Fils, Marseilles; and Messrs R. Rubattino and Co., Genoa; or to the undersigned in Bombay.

The Steam-ship NEERA, 2,200 Tons, Captain Hancorn, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 28th March.

STEARNS, HOBART, & Co.

THE BOMBAY AND BENGAL STEAM SHIP COMPANY.

To LIVERPOOL via CANAL.

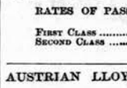
THE MAGDALA, leaving 25th April, and the NEERA, 21st May, will be despatched via the Canal to LIVERPOOL.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY THROUGH TO LIVERPOOL.

First Class £55
Second Class £35

STEARNS, HOBART & Co.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.



IN addition to the Monthly Line of Steamers between BOMBAY and TRIESTE, the Company have resolved upon establishing a transhipment service at Port Said for goods shipped for Trieste by steamers sailing under any flag whatever from the JAPANESE, CHINESE, and INDIAN Ports to MEDITERRANEAN or BRITISH Ports via Suez Canal.

Merchants and Shippers, who avail themselves of this modeof conveyance, are respectfully requested to address such goods to the Austrian Lloyd's Agency at Port Said, which will care for their transhipment upon and forwarding by the Company's weekly steamers, running between that port and Trieste, via ALEXANDRIA, charging the following rates of freight :—

Cotton, Wool, Skins, Tea..... 24 shillings per ton of 40 Eng. c. ft.
Indigo, Silk ..... „ 60 „ „ 20 cwt.
Gum, Cotton, Coffee, Pepper
Oil-Seeds, Ginger, Rice, Oils, &c. 40 „ „ 20 cwt.

inclusive of transhipment-expences, as also of eventual charges for disembarkation, clearing, and re-embarkment. On these rates a reduction of 8s. per ton of 20 cwt. is allowed when goods are received and embarked at Port Said by any other medium than that of the Lloyd's Agency.

The Company undertake, at Merchant's request, the Insurance against Sea risks at the following premium per cent Let.

From Port-said to Trieste 8 shillings from 1st of April to 30th Sep. 10 „ 1st of Oct. to 31st Mar.

Goods for Odessa and ports of the Syrian, Turkish and Greek Coasts, touched at by the Company's steamers, will also be received and forwarded at the above rates of freight.

Trieste, 15th February 1870.

By order of the Board of Directors,

A. C. GUMPERT & Co.,
Agents of the Austrian Lloyd's Steam Navigation Company.

Bombay, 23rd March 1870.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamer BENGAL, (2185 Tons and 465 H. P.) will be despatched to LIVERPOOL via the CANAL about the end of April.

She will carry passengers at the following rates :—

TO SUEZ £40
TO PORT SAID £42
TO LIVERPOOL £60

For Freight or Passage apply to

GEORGE F. HENRY,
Superintendent P. & O. Company.

Bombay, 16th March 1870.

OVERLAND PASSENGERS.

Gentlemen proceeding Home will find all that is requisite in the following detailed list; the Goods being made specially for the passage and Home wear :—

REQUIREMENTS.

4	Dozen Silk and Wool Shirts.	1	Rug with straps.
2	„ Under Vests.	1	Maud.
1	„ Linen Collars.	1	Inverness Cape.
1	„ Fine Cotton Socks.	1	Hand Portmanteau.
1	„ Fine Merino Socks.	2	Overland Trunks.
1	„ Flannel Drawers.	1	Clothes Bag.
1	„ Colored Handkerchiefs.	1	Travelling Hat.
1	„ White Cambric.	1	Courier Bag.
1	Overland Suit.	1	Easy Chair.
2	Sleeping Suits.	1	Umbrella.
2	Pairs of Kid Gloves.	1	Pair of Brushes.
6	Scarfs and Ties.		Ladies' Overland Trunks.

Return Fares.—First Class Passengers embarking from India by the P. and O. Co.'s Steamer within six months of their arrival from England, and *vice versa*, will be allowed a reduction of 20 per cent. on the Return Passage Money.

Bombay. BADHAM & Co., Apollo House.

NOTICE.—The Consignees of WAMA, 3,800 bags of Rice, shipped per SNOWDEN, from Akyab, by Wuzebally and Moorabally, are informed that the same are ready for delivery; and if boats are not sent immediately, the same will be landed by Captain Carey, at the risk and expense of the concerned.

MERWANJEE NUSSERWANJEE, Agent.

NOTICE.—To be SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION in Her Majesty's Dockyard, on MONDAY the 28th March 1870, H. M.'s Steam Tug PEHLWAN, of 140 9/14 Tons and 45 Horse Power, as she stands on the day of Sale.

Terms of Sale.—The sale of the Vessel will not be considered final until the acceptance of the offer is sanctioned by Government; a deposit of 10 per cent is to be immediately paid down at the time sale, and good security given by the purchasers for the payment of the remainder, which must be paid within eight days after the acceptance of the offer by Government, or the deposit will be forfeited and the Vessel resold for the benefit of the State.

For further particulars apply to the undersigned.

W. T. CROCKETT, Lieut. late I. N.,
Acting Marine Storekeeper.

Marine Storekeeper's Office, Bombay, 14th March 1870.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Now Ready,

BOMBAY GAZETTE OVERLAND SUMMARY.

The Bombay Gazette Overland Summary, prepared for despatch by each Overland Mail for Europe, contains, in addition to all the News of the Week, a specially-written Market and Freight Report, and a well-digested Summary of Events.

Annual Subscription (in advance) Rs. 12
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"Bombay Gazette" Office, Meadow Street, Fort.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

REDUCTION OF RAILWAY FREIGHT IN AUSTRIA.

WE have much pleasure in bringing to the notice of Shippers in India that the Boards of Administration of the Austrian Railways have agreed to reduce the Railway Freight on Merchandize, shipped from INDIA by STEAMERS of the AUSTRIAN LLOYD for TRIESTE, to ff 0,009, Silver per ctr. per mile, plus ff 0,01 per ctr. for haulage at Stations of departure and destination.

THIS IS A CONCESSION MADE ONLY IN FAVOUR OF THE AUSTRIAN LLOYD.

Merchandise shipped by any other vessels is subject to the ordinary rates of freight on the Austrian Railways.

By order of the Board of Directors,

A. C. GUMPERT & Co.,
Agents of the Austrian Lloyd.

Bombay, March, 1870.

WANTED, to superintend work in Bombay, a good PARSEE or NATIVE FOREMAN or INSPECTOR of BUILDING WORKS. He must be thoroughly acquainted with masonry of all kinds, and accustomed to measure up works. Apply by letter, stating salary required and full particulars as to former employment, to D.L., care of the "Bombay Gazette."

NOTICE is hereby given, that all PERSONS will be PROSECUTED both in the Civil and Criminal Courts who import or SELL MAGENTA COLOUR under fraudulent imitations, or otherwise wrongfully use any fraudulent imitation of the well known trade mark and package of Mr. John Simonin of Paris used in the sale of his Magenta Colour, and which trade mark is known in the Bazaar as the "Chokra Chokrie Chap" and has been duly registered.—Dated this 25th day of March 1870.

VOLKART BROTHERS,
Agents for Mr. John Simonin of Paris.

HARVEY'S NATIONAL CIRCUS ON THE ESPLANADE.

FAREWELL PERFORMANCE.

SATURDAY EVENING, 26th MARCH.

POSITIVELY THE LAST NIGHT.

THE GREAT TROUPE OF GYMNASTS, ACROBATS, AND EQUESTRIANS IN AN ENTIRELY NEW PROGRAMME, ECLIPSING ALL THEIR FORMER EFFORTS IN SENSATIONAL FEATS, AND EXTRAORDINARY PERFORMANCES.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE NEW VICTORIA THEATRE, GRANT ROAD.

DONATO,

AGAIN, ON MONDAY, 28th MARCH, POSITIVELY THE LAST NIGHT.

DONATO

WILL NOT APPEAR AGAIN IN BOMBAY,

As he immediately proceeds to

CALCUTTA.

MONDAY WILL BE THE LAST NIGHT.

THEATRE ROYAL, GRANT ROAD.

Sole Lessee .....Mr. DAVE CARSON.

LAST NIGHT BUT THREE OF THE DRAMATIC TROUPE.

TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!! TO-NIGHT!!!

SATURDAY, 26th MARCH 1870.

GREAT SUCCESS OF THE BEST BURLESQUE OF THE SEASON, BLACK-EYED SUSAN, OR THE LITTLE BILL THAT WAS TAKEN UP.

The Curtain will rise at 9 o'clock precisely to the Musical Drama, entitled,

THE DAUGHTER OF THE REGIMENT.

SYNOPSIS OF MUSIC INCIDENTAL TO THE PIECE.

Act I.

DUET—Josephine and Scalade.." Midst the Roar of the Cannon" ...Donizetti
ARIA—Josephine .. .." Ask me not Why"...Donizetti
SONG and CHORUS—Josephine, Scalade, and full strength of the Company ..Donizetti

Act II.

SONG—Josephine.. .." Salut de France" ... ..Donizetti
BALLAD—Josephine .." 'Tis a Spell" ... ..Linley
CHORUS and FINALE.." Rataplan" .. ..Donizetti

The Music produced under the direction of Mr. ZELMAN.

The Evening's Entertainment will conclude with an original

BURLESQUE,

By F. C. Bernard, Esq., as played in London with unprecedented success above

THREE HUNDRED NIGHTS,

ENTITLED,

THE LATEST EDITION OF

BLACK-EYED SUSAN,

OR

THE LITTLE BILL THAT WAS TAKEN UP.

Reserved Seats may be secured at Messrs. SOUNDY & Co.'s, where a plan of the Theatre can be seen.

Doors open at 8-15. Performance commences at 9 P.M.

ON MONDAY, 28th MARCH 1870, DAVE CARSON'S MINSTRELS, In one of their POPULAR PROGRAMMES.

UP-COUNTRY RESIDENTS visiting Bombay can be accommodated with First Class BOARD and LODGING at Rs. 4 per day, five minutes walk from the Fort.

Permanent Boarders at a reduced rate.

Quarters good and healthy, commanding a view of Back Bay, Harbour and Esplanade. Address "Gazette" Office, Fort, No. 44.

DIVAN EXCHANGE, having been newly RE-FITTED and RE-OPENED under European Management, and having engaged a FRENCH COOK specially to prepare the Dishes, Pastry (both French and English), Ices, Sweetmeats and delicacies of all descriptions, is now ready to give its patrons every kind of Refreshment in first class style.

And has also the

FINEST BILLIARD SALOON IN BOMBAY.

No. 5 Apollo Street.

THE BOMBAY and BENGAL STEAM SHIP COMPANY (in Liquidation).—NOTICE is hereby given, that in accordance with the provisions of Section 130 of the Indian Companies' Act 1866, a GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company WILL BE HELD, at the Office of Messrs. Stearns, Hobart, & Co., Elphinstone Circle, on WEDNESDAY, the 6th April next, at 12 o'clock noon, to receive the Liquidators' account of the manner in which the liquidation has been conducted during the past year.

G. A. KITTREDGE,
MORARJEE GOCULDAS, } Liquidators.

Bombay, 25th March 1870.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the undersigned will receive SEALED TENDERS, up to noon on MONDAY, the 28th instant, for Bills on the Berar Treasuries of Akola and Oomrawuttee, to the extent of Seven Lakhs on Akola, and Three Lakheon Oomrawuttee.

The tenders should be for even sums of not less than one Lakh.

The highest tender will be accepted.

The amount of the accepted tender to be paid into Her Majesty's Treasury, Bank of Bombay, within two days after acceptance.

C. E. CHAPMAN,
Officiating Accountant General.

Friday, 25th March 1870.

NOTICE is hereby given, that certain pieces of LAND, HOUSES and PREMISES, situate at Vurni Gadee, or Collewada Naka, outside the Fort of Bombay, assessed under Nos. 11, 3, 9 and 8, and standing in the joint names of Abba Suntoojee, Ramchunder Suntoojee, Succaram Suntoojee and Gungaram Suntoojee, sons of Suntoojee Bhicajee, who died on the 27th February last, are amongst property, and all persons are hereby warned against selling, or mortgaging, or purchasing, or taking in mortgage, or otherwise dealing with the said houses and premises without due enquiry into the title thereto, as it is believed that certain claimants to the same are seeking to dispose thereof without the concurrence of the heirs of the said Suntoojee Bhicajee, deceased.—Dated this 25th day of March 1870.

THACKER & CHALK,
Solicitors for Abba Suntoojee and others.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S RECEPTION FUND.

THE FOLLOWING SUBSCRIPTIONS have been PAID into the New Bank of Bombay, Limited :—

H. H. The Rao of Kutch	... ...	Rs.	1,000 0
Venayekrao Jugonnathjee Sunkersett, Esq	... ...		1,000 0
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Hanmatram Hurdeydas, Esq	... ...		50 0
G. B. Spring, Esq.	... ...		25 0
		Rs.	4,25 0
Amount previously advertised	.....	Rs.	56,797 14
Grand total.....		Rs.	62,122 14

Such of the Subscribers as have not yet paid the amount of their Subscriptions, are requested to do so without further delay

ARTHUR CRAWFORD,
President Reception Committee.

Bombay, 25th March 1870.

BRITISH INDIAN SUBMARINE TELEGRAPH COMPANY (Limited), in connection with the ANGLO-MEDITERRANEAN TELEGRAPH COMPANY (Limited), the FALMOUTH, GIBRALTAR and MALTA TELEGRAPH COMPANY (Limited), and the MARSEILLES, ALGIERS and MALTA TELEGRAPH COMPANY (Limited).

Direct Submarine Telegraph Communication with EUROPE and AMERICA via RED SEA, EGYPT, and MALTA.

The British Indian Submarine Telegraph between BOMBAY and SUEZ will be OPENED for the Transmission of Messages to ADEN, EGYPT, EUROPE and AMERICA on the 20th March.

The public are particularly requested to insert, in the preamble of each Message, via Red Sea, to insure its being sent by the Submarine Route. These words will be transmitted free of charge.

Until the opening of the Falmouth, Gibraltar and Malta line, which will be laid in May next, messages for England will be forwarded by the British Indian Submarine Telegraph Company's lines to Alexandria, and thence by the Anglo-Mediterranean Telegraph Company's Cable to Malta and their land lines through Italy.

These lines are worked throughout by English Clerks under one Management.

The following Tariff has been arranged for the transmission of Messages from Bombay :—

RATES FOR TELEGRAMS OF TWENTY WORDS

	Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.
Aden ...	15 0 0	Luxemburg ...	28 0 0
Algeria ...	28 0 0	Malta ...	25 0 0
Austria ...	27 12 0	Norway ...	29 0 0
Baden ...	27 4 0	Papal States ...	26 8 0
Barbary, Tripoli, Bhenghazi ...	24 0 0	Portugal ...	30 10 8
Bavaria ...	27 4 0	Russia, Europe ...	29 12 0
Belgium ...	27 12 0	Do on Caucasus ...	31 0 0
Corfu ...	27 12 0	Do Asia, West of Tomsk ...	32 12 0
Denmark ...	28 0 0	Do Asia, East of Tomsk ...	36 0 0
Egypt ...	20 0 0	Servia ...	28 0 0
France and Corsica ...	27 12 0	Spain ...	31 8 0
Germany, North ...	27 12 0	Sweden ...	28 12 0
Gibraltar ...	29 0 0	Switzerland ...	27 0 0
Greece ...	28 0 0	Tunis ...	26 8 0
Great Britain ...	30 0 0	Turkey, Europe ...	28 0 0
Hungary ...	27 12 0	Do Asia, Seaports	29 12 0
Hohenzollern ...	27 8 0	Do Asia, Inland..	31 0 0
Holland ...	27 12 0	United Principalities	28 0 0
Italy ...	25 8 0	Wurtemburg ...	27 8 0
London ...	30 0 0		

HALF THE ABOVE RATES FOR EVERY ADDITIONAL TEN WORDS.

SPECIAL TARIFF FOR TELEGRAMS OF TEN WORDS.

	Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.
Alexandria ...	13 8 0	Great Britain & Ireland	20 0 0
Aden ...	10 0 0	Malta ...	17 0 0
Cairo ...	13 8 0	Suez ...	13 8 0

Messages for this line will be received at the Government Telegraph Office, but it is necessary that the words "Via Red Sea" should always be written in the preamble.

Message forms or books will be supplied gratis on application to the undersigned.

For further particulars apply to

GEORGE B. STACEY,
Bombay, 26th March 1870. General Superintendent.

NOTICES.

NOTICE.—The Interest and Responsibility of RUSHORDAS GOCULDAS in the Firm of the undersigned, originally carried on in Bombay and the interior under the style of KESSOWJEE JADOWJEE, ceased by mutual agreement on Magsur Vud Amas of Hindoo year 1926, corresponding with 1st January 1870.

MOOLJEE LILADHUR.

Bombay, 23rd March 1870.

NOTICE.—To be SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION, on SATURDAY the 26th instant, at 2 P.M., the two TRIUMPHAL ARCHES, at present standing at the entrance to and on the end of the Apollo Bunder.

Terms.—Money to be paid as soon as the lot is knocked down, the arches to be removed from their present position at the expense and risk of the purchaser within eight days from the date of sale.

Master Attendant's Office, Bombay, 22nd March 1870.

GENERAL BUSINESS HOUSE FOR LAW AGENCY, SCHEDULE of INSOLVENCY, ARBITRATION, BROKERAGE, CONTRACT, LANDING and CLEARING, COMMISSION, &c., &c.

FRANCIS AZEVEDO,

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N.B.—Orders attended to promptly. Sufficient security furnished. Terms exceedingly moderate.

THE APOLLO PRESS COMPANY (Limited).—An EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be HELD at the Registered Office of the Apollo Press Company (Limited), on WEDNESDAY the 30th instant, at 3 o'clock P.M.

I. To appoint a Director in the place of Mr. E. M. Fogo.

II. To consider a proposal for procuring additional Machinery, and any other business that may be brought forward.

REMINGTON & Co,
Secretaries and Treasurers.

Bombay, 22nd March 1870.

BOMBAY OMNIBUS and GENERAL CONVEYANCE Co., No 141, KHETWADDY ROAD.

Light and comfortable BROUGHAMS, SHIGRAMS, SOCIABLES, HANSOMS, BUGGIES, DOG-CARTS, &c., with or without Horses, CAN BE HIRED at short notice, and at moderate charges.

(See Card Circulars.)

Carriages built or repaired on the premises, under the superintendence of Mr. Bundett.

The Farriery is under the supervision of a person of skill and experience.

Horses requiring treatment, or otherwise, received into the Company's Livery Stables, and every attention paid to the animals; as also Horses on Commission Sale.

Carriages and Horses bought, sold, and exchanged.

Office in the Fort, at No 40, Meadow Street, next to the Bombay Gazette" office.

COTTON SEED.—The Cotton Commissioner is prepared to SUPPLY the following newly-imported COTTON SEEDS for sowing during the ensuing season :—

Egyptian	at Rs. 10 per cwt.		
New Orleans	at Rs. 20	„	
Sea Island	at Rs. 25	„	
Peruvian	at Rs. 25	„	
Bourbon	at Rs. 15	„	
Dhollera { Fancy Striped			23
Ditto { Fancy Striped			23
Fancy and Striped Silk Socks			25 to 45
Ribbed Knickerbocker Stockings for Shikaring, &c., per pair			3 to 6
Celebrated India Gauze Under Vests ...			4½
Silk and Wool Ditto			6 to 8
Bathing { Drawers, Plain and Fancy Striped			2½

SHIRT DEPARTMENT.

		Rs.	Rs.
BADHAM'S	Wove Flax, or Prince of Wales Shirting, a new material, absorbing, and comfortable for the Rains ...	7	
BADHAM'S	Spun Silk, all colours and new patterns.	12	
BADHAM'S	Wove Flannel and Printed Shirts	9	
BADHAM'S	Silk and Wool Indispensible	9½	
BADHAM'S	French Printed Shirts	60	to 70
BADHAM'S	Long Cloth Shirts	25	
BADHAM'S	Cambric Linen Fronts and Cuffs	55	to 65
BADHAM'S	Dress Shirts, Plaited and Embroidered Fronts ..... each..	7	to 30

SCARF AND TIE DEPARTMENT.

		Rs.	as.
BADHAM'S SCARFS and TIES.	The Zoo	3	0
	The Rotton Row	3	0
	The Bond Street	3	0
	The Latest Novelty	3	0
	The O. K. Thing	3	0
	The Baden Baden	3	0
	The Harrogate	3	0

TRAVELLING DEPARTMENT.

		Rs.	as.
BADHAM'S	Overland Trunks, Patent Sock Steel, Protection Ribs, with Brass Screws—highly recommended ...	20	to 30
BADHAM'S	Solid Leather Portmanteaus	50	to 70
BADHAM'S	Railway do.	16	to 30
BADHAM'S	Courier Bags	5	to 12½
BADHAM'S	Real Morocco Courier Bags	10	to 16
BADHAM'S	Clothes Bags	10	to 18
BADHAM'S	Whitney Rugs	12	to 30
BADHAM'S	Scotch Maunds	12	to 34
BADHAM'S	Red Blankets ..... per pair...	35	

Overland Chairs, Rug Straps, Cholera Belts.

HAT DEPARTMENT.

		Rs.	as.
BADHAM'S NAPLES FELTS.	Falkland { Drab latest shape ..... Eglington { Tall	10	0
	Jerome	7	8
	Canada		
	Isis { Drab		
	Regent { and		
	Worthing { Black		
	Brighton		
BADHAM'S DRESS HATS.	Falkland { The new shape ..... Eglington { Extra quality	14	0
	Lincoln and Bennett's	16	0

COLLAR DEPARTMENT.

		Rs.	as.
BADHAM'S	Pall Mall ..... per doz.	7	8
BADHAM'S	with Tie	7	0
BADHAM'S	Belgium	7	0
BADHAM'S	with Tie	7	8
BADHAM'S	Shakspeare	7	0
BADHAM'S	with Tie	7	8
BADHAM'S	Regent	7	0
BADHAM'S	Indian	7	0
BADHAM'S	West End improved	7	0
BADHAM'S BRACES AND BELTS.	Guyot's French Brace	2	8
	Long India Rubber	3	0
	United Service	3	0
	Bridle Leather	3	0
	Patent do. do.	3	0

BADHAM'S ANGOLAS RIDING CORDS, VESTINGS AND COATIN

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SHARE MARKET.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

NEW BANK OF BOMBAY, 2nd issues, and Land shares have been enquired for.

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—MARCH 25.

Waterhouse, Lieutenant, 12th Bengal Cavalry, on leave, from Umballa.
Bent, Brevet Lieutenant Colonel 2-25th King's Own Borderers, on leave, from Bengal.
Butt, Major, 28th Madras N. I., on furlough, from Vellore.
Edwards, Barrack Master, Barrack Department, on duty, from Mhow.
Raikes, Captain, 105th Light Infantry, on leave, from Futtehgurh.
Scott, Assistant Surgeon, Staff, on duty, from England.
Hanna, Assistant Surgeon, Staff, on duty, from England.
Gosselin, Lieutenant, 78th Regiment, on duty, from England.
McKay, Lieutenant, 85th Regiment, on duty, from England.
Mouckton, Captain, Royal Horse Artillery, from leave, from England.
Fitzgerald, Ensign, 2-19th Regiment, on duty, from England.
Phillips, Captain, 3rd Hussars, on duty, from England.
Churchward, Captain, 16th Lancers, on duty, from England.
Forster, Captain, 1-3rd Foot, on duty, from England.
Bridge, Lieutenant, 45th Foot, on duty, from England.
Thexy, Captain, 105th Foot, on duty, from England.
Davy, Lieutenant, 105th Foot, on duty, from England.
Killery, Assistant Surgeon, Staff, on duty, from England.
Scott, Assistant Surgeon, 18th Hussars, to rejoin, from England.
Moloney, Ensign, 2-12th Foot, on duty, from England.
Vandeleur, Captain, 8th Lancers, on duty, from England.
Sartain, W., Veterinary Surgeon, Royal Artillery, on duty, from England.
Sartain, S., Veterinary Surgeon, Royal Artillery, to join, from England.
Chapman, Lieutenant, Royal Horse Artillery, on duty, from England.
Gilmore, Ensign, 32nd Foot, on duty, from England.
Murray, Ensign, 2-25th Foot, on duty, from England.
Newall, Ensign, 41st Foot, on duty, from England.
Menzies, Ensign, 92nd Foot, on duty, from England.
Beal, Captain, 38th Foot, on duty, from England.
Josselyn, Captain, 90th Foot, on duty, from England.
Baker, Lieutenant, 106th Foot, on duty, from England.
Henderson, Captain, 85th Foot, on duty, from England.
Atkinson, Captain, 83th Foot, on duty, from England.
Teevan, Quarter Master, 11th Hussars, on duty, from England.
Whish, Lieutenant, 85th Foot, on duty, from England.
Symonds, Assistant Surgeon, Royal Horse Artillery, on duty, from England.

DEPARTURES.—MARCH 25.

Stanley, Colonel, Infantry, on duty, to Deolalee.
Craigie, Lieutenant, Bengal Cavalry, on duty, to Allahabad.
Kelly, Colonel, Adjutant General, on duty, to Poona.

POONA DIVISION ORDERS.

By the Major-General Commanding P. D. A.
Poona, 23rd March 1870.

Under instructions from Army Head Quarters, Veterinary Surgeon Durrant attached to the B-9th Royal Artillery, is directed to assume Veterinary charge of the Commissariat cattle at Poona and also to visit the horses of the 3rd Light Cavalry under observation, in place of Veterinary Surgeon Duck.

The undermentioned officer has obtained leave :—

3rd Light Cavalry—Lieutenant Hamilton, for 13 days from 8th March 1870, on privilege leave.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Mar.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
24	Tilly (s)	Hanna	Cochin, Mar. 18.
	Kerala Rodrin	Nacoda	Cochin, Mar. 11.
25	Asie (s)	Lapierre	Marseilles, Feb. 24.
	Lord Clyde (s)	Kingcome	Veraval, Mar. 24.

DEPARTURES.

Mar.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
25	Phlox (s)	Baker	Coast and Goa

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday—

Ship Calcutta, Maxwell, to Calcutta.
Ship Kate Winifred, Starkey, to Manilla.
Ship Lord Clyde, Ellis, to Calcutta.
Ship Isabella Ker, to Rangoon.
Ship Tethys, Evans, to Liverpool.
Bark Elizabeth Castle, Glaizer, to Galle.

The Steamer Snipe, to Aden, Jedda and Hoodooda, began to load yesterday.

THE HOOGHLY.

ARRIVALS.

Mar. 20	Asia (s)	Paterson	Bombay, March 1
	Mahratta (s)	Scott	Moulmein, March 14
	Ophir	Hosin	Dundee, October 4

DEPARTURES.

Mar. 20	H M S Galatea	——	——	——
	China (s)	——	——	——
	Glenartney (s)	——	——	——
	Chanticleer	——	——	——
	Parsee	——	——	——

MADRAS.

ARRIVAL.

Mar. 20 Godavery (P S).....De Girard .....Pondicherry

DEPARTURE.

Mar. 20 Hindostan (P S)... —— .....Cocanada

Passengers arrived per Godavery (P S.)—From Pondicherry to Madras.—H E the Governor of Pondicherry (Bontempe), M de Champmorin, Secretary to the Governor, M le Capitaine Brien, Commander-in-Chief French Army in India.

Passengers sailed from Madras to Calcutta—Mr and Mrs Blandford, Mr John Barker and 2 infants, Mrs Cecil, Mr Anstruther, Mrs Reed and infant.

BOMBAY PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.—Programme of the THIRD CONCERT to be given in the Town Hall on SATURDAY Evening, 26th instant :—

PART I.

Organ Solo	Prelude	Bach
Chorus	Gloria 12th Mass	Mozart
Violin Solo	Meditation	Gounod
Solo (Tenor)	He counseth all your sorrows	Mendelssohn
Chorus (Ladies)	La Charita	Rossini

PART II.

Part Chorus	Offertorium	Gaensbacher
Solo (Soprano)	Rejoice greatly	Handel
Trio for Soprano	Alto and Bass	
Solo (Baritone)	L'air D'Eglise	Stradella
Chorus	Hallelujah	Handel

The Concert will commence at 9 o'clock precisely. Tickets of admission (Rs. 10 each) may be obtained at the Town Hall on SATURDAY from the Society's Clerk.

ALFRED WAKE, Honorary Secretary.

BOMBAY PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.—Performing Members are requested to be in the Durbar Room at a quarter to 9 P.M. this evening.

ALFRED WAKE, Honorary Secretary.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS ONE RUPEE AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BOMBAY.

BIRTHS.

SHEA—March 21st, the wife of Mr. John Shea, of the New Bank of Bombay, Limited, of a daughter.

VENAYEK WASSOODEW ABAJEE—March 25th, at Broach Candy, Rocky Isle, Dhondoobai, wife of Mr. Venayek Wassoodew Abajee and daughter of Venaykrao Wassoodewjee, Esq., of a daughter.

BENGAL.

BIRTHS.

SAUNDERS—March 11th, at 5, Staff Barracks, Fort William, the wife of Captain Henry G. Saunders, Bengal Staff Corps, of a daughter.

MILLAR—March 17th, at Kallecnagpur, E. B. R., Golunda Extension, the wife of Mr. J. B. Millar, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

SMITH—FORBES—March 19th, at St. John's Church, Calcutta, by the Rev. J. Stephenson, M.A., George C. M. Smith, Esq., of Purneah, to Eleanor Louisa, fourth daughter of A. J. Forbes, Esq. of Sultanpore, Purneah.

DEATH.

TAWSE—March 19th, at Garden Reach, Calcutta, of cholera Mr. Andrew Tawse, Engineer P. and O. Co.'ss. s. Simla.

NORTH-WEST PROVINCES, &c.

BIRTH.

GARDYNE—March 18th, at Umballa, the wife of Captain E B Gardyne, 106th Regiment, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

RAWLINS—NICHOLETTS—March 19th, at Trinity Church, Allahabad, by the Rev. F. C. Fagan, T. W. Rawlins, Esq., C.S., to Flora Douglas, youngest daughter of the late Major William Hamilton Nicholetts.

WHALLEY—ROBINSON—March 21st, at Trinity Church, Allahabad, by the Rev. Pelitrim Fagan, Paul Whalley, Esq., C.S., to Mary Frances, daughter of the Rev. Julian Robinson.

DEATH.

WILSON—March 11th, at Lucknow, the wife of Mr. J. W. Wilson, Accountant D. P. W.

The Bombay Gazette

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1870.

AN interesting passage in Captain Walter's report on the state of Bhurtpore raises an important question, one which, no doubt, has frequently been discussed, and on this occasion took a shape which attracted the notice of the Supreme Government. It may be said, however, to have had its origin in the pregnant comments made by Colonel Keatinge in a former administration report on the impending difficulties between the chiefs and their nobles. The subject is mentioned in various Agency reports, besides Captain Walter's, and Colonel Keatinge himself, remarking on them says—"There is no institution for the education of youth or rank on anything approaching to a proper scale. With great properties at stake, mothers will not send their children to places where they are not most amply protected and are not under the constant supervision of a European gentleman." Mr. Seton-Karr, struck by the suggestions from Bhurtpore, says "that the Government had determined to refer the question to Colonel Daly and ask for his opinion as to the possibility of giving the scheme of Captain Walter a definite and practical shape." Has this been done, and what does Colonel Daly say?

Now the paragraphs in Captain Walter's report are so interesting that we need no apology for bringing them bodily before the public. "I do not think," he writes, "that we have yet thoroughly fathomed the great duty that we owe to our feudatories. The path of civilization is making rapid progress over almost every part of British India; the sons of some of the poorest natives of the country receive, as a rule, a more liberal education than those of the aristocracy. If this continues much longer, it is not difficult, however much we may desire to uphold and perpetuate the dynasties of our native allies, to foretell what the final result must be. It is no easy matter to decide what course we ought to pursue in order to ensure to the sons of the aristocracy of this country a liberal and enlightened education; but I think the time has, or must shortly, come when the Government of India will find itself compelled to move in the matter. Where the natural guardians are alive, we could, of course, only earnestly press and urge upon them the desirability of securing every advantage that education can offer for their children; but where, as in the case of Bhurtpore, the Government becomes the guardian of the minor, I think we ought in future, without fear of consequences, on the score of prejudice or misinterpretation of our intentions, to insist upon the youth being brought up as a gentleman should be. But to carry this into effect we must first of all establish an *Eton* in India. We require a college on an extensive scale, with ample accommodation within its walls for a large number of pupils and the followers (few in number of course) who would accompany them. A complete staff of thoroughly educated English gentlemen, not mere book-worms, but men fond of field sports and out-door exercise, would be necessary, and with these should be associated the *élite* of the native gentlemen belonging to the Educational Department. The pupils, or rather their guardians, the tutors, should be allowed ample funds from the coffers of the State to which the minor belonged, and the holidays should be spent in constant travel all over the continent of India, with an occasional visit to their own homes. Many will say that such a scheme is impossible. I admit that it is surrounded with difficulties, but I do not think they are insuperable. If we desire to raise the chiefs of India to the standard which they must attain to in order to keep pace with the ever-advancing spirit of the age, if we wish to make clear to them that our only object is to perpetuate their dynasties and make them worthy feudatories of the Crown of England, we must place within their reach greater facilities for bestowing on their sons a better education than they can now possibly obtain. Then, and not until then, can we hope to see the native princes of India occupying the position they ought to hold as the promoters of peace, prosperity, and progress amongst their own people, and the hearty supporters of British authority and power."

There is abundant evidence in the Rajpootana local annals of the great want of harmony between the chiefs and their nobles. It is not only, as in Bhurtpore, where no Sirdar would presume to offer advice to the chief, but in Meywar and Marwar where the nobles are prone to actual hostility, and where they, at least, can afford little or no aid in the general administration. How far this springs from jealousy arising out of circumstances inherent in the condition of the states, and how far from the absence of culture, as we understand it, is one question to be decided, and next, whether the means suggested would be effective or not. It is, no doubt, a serious evil that the poorest people, or some of them, should be better educated than the wealthy and powerful; but perhaps it is a more serious evil that the wealthy and powerful, from defect of intellectual and moral culture, should be unable to perform the duties of their station. There is, however, another question to be asked—Are we in any way bound to prevent the chiefs from rushing to ruin, or the old dynasties from toppling down? In answer it may be urged that it has been our constant policy to uphold these chiefs and dynasties and to preserve them, rude though many may be, as social centres through which the public life and routine administration may be carried on. Yet it is open to dispute whether the policy of preserving these native gentlemen from the worst consequences of their own vices, is really the most effective mode of regenerating the country. In whatever way the Government answers these questions, let us hope that the replies will, at length, indicate the existence of some clear and settled policy; that the higher powers, whether at home, or at the seat of supreme government, or in our local centres, will acquire some strength and steadfastness and not swing to and fro, slowly or quickly, over a curve so extensive, that their agents never know exactly where the motive power for the moment will repose. At the present time it seems as if Government, in the ordinary sense, not to speak of higher statesmanship, had departed from the realm.

Captain Walter's suggestion, upheld as it is by strong reasons, well deserves the serious consideration of the ruling powers. The policy he propounds has, however, been partially anticipated in Kattywar by the founding of the Rajkoomar, where it is proposed that the sons of the chiefs shall receive a manly and liberal training. The experiment, so earnestly advocated, will here be tried on a smaller scale; for Rajpootana, with its many chiefs, will demand a larger institution than that provided for a country which occupies the anomalous position of being neither British nor Foreign. Nor, if established, would it be possible or politic to confine the novel influence to Kattywar and Rajpootana. Other large districts, with their hosts of feudatories, must share in the benefits which, it is assumed, will flow to the people and the Empire from the education of native rulers. Undoubtedly, considering the pace we are now compelled to go, it does not seem advisable to leave behind the persons most highly placed in their respective territories; since that could only end in their extinction and ultimate absorption, or in the substitution of a race of country gentlemen, intent on business, for princes and chiefs exercising, within limits so indefinite, independent powers. Regard it as we may, the problem is very embarrassing, but it is all the more so because the ultimate authorities seem to have lost the insight and backbone which once characterized our administration.

WE understand His Excellency the Governor will leave Bombay this morning on a cruise to Ratnagherry.

WE understand that the first out-going mail steamer in April will leave on Sunday morning, not on Saturday evening. There is some talk of this being a permanent arrangement.

THE Bishop of Calcutta left for the Andamans on the 18th inst., accompanied by the Rev. F. R. Mitchell.

HIS EXCELLENCY SIR WILLIAM MANSFIELD will leave Calcutta on the 2nd proximo *en route* to England *vid* Bombay, halting only at Jubbulpore on the way hither.

THE Yarkund envoy, sent by the Ataligh Ghazee to convey his friendly assurances to the Government of India, reached Calcutta on Sunday morning last, accompanied by Dr. H. Cayley, the British Agent at Ladakh.

THE late fire in Rangoon, according to the local *Gazette*, would have destroyed half of the town had it not been for the arrival of the troops and their vigorous action. The natives themselves gave no help whatever towards extinguishing the flames, and when the neighbourhood had cooled a little began at once with much chatter and laughing to re-build their houses.

WHEN are we to hear that the last gun in the Madras presidency has burst? One came to grief on the 15th inst., and now we learn that "of the sixty-eight pounder guns which are being tried at Saint Thomas' Mount, three others have burst." It is some consolation that these accidents have passed off without loss of life, but their extraordinary frequency calls for explanation.

THE Viceroy and the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal were to make a short trip on the Calcutta and Canning State Railway last Monday evening to see the working of the trains under the system introduced by Major Taylor, Consulting Engineer to the Government of Bengal. Under this system, says the "Calcutta Examiner," the safety of the public is not entrusted to native station masters or pointsmen, nor can the former delay the traffic by muddling up the trains at crossing stations, or the latter turn them off the line in attempts at shunting.

THE following military buildings are to be constructed at Jubbulpore during 1870-71 :—

	Rs.
Three barracks for Royal Artillery	83,000
Married quarters for do	50,000
Quarters, guard, and cells for do	16,0 0
Protestant Church	15,000
And at Saugor—	
Completing 12 barracks for Infantry	2,00,000
Out-offices for do	30,000
Southern Road from Saugor to the G. I. P. Railway	80,000
At Nimar, married quarters for 20 families will this year be completed at	1,10,385

MR. STRACHEY'S Bill for the prevention of female infanticide was passed in Council on Friday the 18th. Under the Bill as altered by the Select Committee the rules with reference to the registration of births, marriages, and deaths in suspected localities are to be drawn up by the local Governments and Administrations to suit the circumstances in each case. Mr. Strachey remarked in reference to this point that the success of the measure would now obviously rest with the local Governments, and would depend on the manner in which the rules were drawn up and effect given to them.

TERRIBLE CONFLAGRATION AT COMPTA.

GREAT LOSS OF COTTON AND OTHER PROPERTY.

REPORTS have been received in Bombay of a terribly destructive fire that occurred on Thursday at Compta, a busy cotton mart on the Malabar Coast. All the telegrams agree in announcing an enormous loss of cotton. A message from Messrs. Robertson Brothers reports that all the cotton except four thousand dokras has been burnt; another telegram, received by a native, fixes the number of dokras destroyed at six thousand; and according to a third estimate, seventeen hundred candies represents the loss of cotton. The Natives (who, as may be imagined, were greatly excited by the intelligence of the fire) say the cotton belonged chiefly to Bombay dealers who have agents at Compta, but in another quarter we hear that only about two thousand dokras belonged to persons in this city, most of it being the property of Dharwar dealers—men of small means who have been storing up with the object of getting high prices. In addition to the loss of cotton there has been a serious destruction of house property. About two hundred houses, or large huts, including most of the traders' premises, have been burned down. The loss of this property has been estimated roughly at a lakh and a half, and the total loss at six or seven lakhs. Insurance was unknown in Compta, and the calamity will therefore be a heavy one to those whose all was stored in the godowns of the port. The place being compact and the huts and cotton perfectly dry the conflagration would probably have been difficult to check even if Compta been blest with the presence of a fire brigade. With no means of extinguishing it the natives probably sat down and looked on.

THE BOMBAY COTTON CROP.

APPENDED is the weekly report of the Mofussil Press and Ginning Company, Limited; dated Bombay, 25th March 1870 :—

During the past month I have again had the opportunity of passing through the cotton districts of the Berars and the Central Provinces.

Cotton picking has now come to an end, and cattle are allowed free access to the fields, while in many places the plough has begun its work to prepare for next season's crop.

The arrivals at the different markets have in very few instances exceeded half the out-turn at the same time last year. Hingunghaut in quantity is still somewhat behind even the backward year of 1867-8, while the promised supplies of good cotton from the Edulabad districts are scarcely to be depended upon, as the crop is known to be a short one, while the quality of the first arrivals is not up to the standard of former years.

The steam presses belonging to this company are now working at Wurdah.

At the time of my visit to Oomrawuttee there was a very varied selection. Some beautiful lots were offering with but little leaf or stain alongside docras which could only have been the sweepings of the compound.

Akote is now beginning to wane, but with good selection some very fine lots are still to be had. The cotton at Khamgaum and Sheagaum is mostly discoloured by rain, with a mixture of black leaf, but for manufacturers' purposes the fibre is all that could be desired. The season throughout is not likely to last beyond the end of April.

I now beg to annex copies of the reports as sent in by the Company's agents at the different factories :—

WURDAH, 24th (Hingunghaut).—There was a heavy storm of wind and rain all yesterday.

OOMRAWUTTEE, 23rd.—The past week has been about a blank for business. First we had the Holi holidays, and then on Monday it began to rain, and it still continues, so that nothing whatever is doing. On Monday we had a heavy hailstorm, and hailstones ½ inch diameter fell. Such frightful weather has not been known in Berar for many years. All cotton is stored and packed, so that the damage is but small, but stoppage to business is very serious. The little cotton that has been sold has gone at Rs. 290 for best, Rs. 280 for middling, and 260 inferior. We expect large supplies immediately the weather clears up.

AKOTE, 23rd.—In consequence of the Holi holida s little business has been transacted in this market during the preceding week. The weather has been unsettled, and almost every evening furious thunder-storms accompanied with heavy rain have raged. Supplies have again fallen off, and it is impossible to secure good cotton in any quantity. The market closes with an active demand at an advance of Rs. 3 to 4 per candy upon yesterday's rates, making an equivalent in Bombay of about Rs. 286 to Rs. 287. Since writing the above heavy dark clouds have come up from towards Sheagaum, and vivid forked lightning is playing round the town. Communication with Sheagaum is reported to be interrupted.

KHANGAUM, 24th.—During the past week the weather has been very cloudy, and rain has fallen in various parts of the district—more than 1½ inch having fallen in Khangaum. Supplies in consequence have much fallen off, and the Holi holidays have also been the cause of the late small markets. The quality of arrivals does not appear to me to be improving, and prices show an upward tendency.

SHEAGAUM, 23rd.—From 1,000 to 1,200 bojas arrived in this market during the past week, but I can report no improvement in the quality arriving. Rates were slightly down in the beginning of the week, but have again gone up. To-day's rates are equal to about Rs. 290 per candy. There have been heavy storms of wind and rain almost nightly.

BROACH, 24th.—The weather for the past week has continued cloudy and highly unfavourable to the cotton plants; that our crop will be a short one is now placed beyond doubt, and fully 50 per cent. less than the estimates made in December. I regret to report that adulteration to some extent has again made its appearance in native ginned cotton, more especially in that coming in from the outlying districts. The prevalent idea that stringent measures were to be adopted for the prevention of fraud, and which during the early part of the season I mentioned as having such a deterrent effect, is now subsiding as parcel after parcel meets with no obstruction. The various wayside stations where no inspection exists afford a good outlet for its secure transmission, which goes to prove how advisable it would be to concentrate the cotton trade in large centres.

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.

Statement of Traffic, Week ending 20th March, 1870.

Open 1,069½ Miles.	Rs.	a.	p.
Coaching	81,702	5	6
Merchandize	3,10,896	1	3
Electric Telegraph	1,246	0	0
Earth Trains	2,84	2	0
Total Rs.	3,99,488	11	9
Corresponding week last year open 874½ Miles. Total Rs.	4,29,883	14	10
Decrease	30,395	3	1

THE SUBMARINE CABLE.

WE have great pleasure in announcing that the new telegraph line, by submarine cable from Bombay to Egypt and from Egypt to Italy, and thence by land line to Great Britain, is now at the service of the public.

The tariff and other particulars will be found in our advertising columns.

It appears that the Falmouth, Gibraltar, and Malta cable is to be laid so early as May next. When that work is completed the messages will be transmitted by sub marine cable all the way between India and England, with the single exception of the Isthmus of Suez.

PASSENGERS BY THE HOME-WARD MAIL.

THE P. & O. Co.'s s. s. Baroda, Captain A. Parish, will sail to-day for Aden and Suez with the following passengers :—

For Southampton—Mr and Mrs Andrew Ross, sister and two children, Mrs Smale, Mrs Macaulay and three children, Mrs Russell, Mrs Ford, Miss Carr, Mrs Bond and two children, Mr John Dorning, Mr J M Roberts, Mr F A Edelston, Colonel Macbean, Mrs Ormiston and infant, Mr H C Tapp, Captain R and Mrs Home and infant, Mr A J Symonds and four children, Mrs Palles and infant, Mr Glover, Lieutenant M J Moore, Mrs Garret and two infants, Major and Mrs J Cumming Clarke, Lieutenant and Mrs Carr, Mr Fife, Assistant Surgeon Doridge, Captain Tremlett, Captain J Lawrence, Colonel and Mrs P Bent and two children, Assistant Surgeon Howard, Mr B F Morris.

For Marseilles—Maharaja of Kuppoorthala, four native gentlemen, Colonel Nassau Lees, Mr Marriot, Lady Couch, General Boatson and daughter, Mrs Barnes and four children, Mrs Lacey, Mr Lacey, Mr H Rail, Mr Kenny, Mr Samuel Harraden, General and Mrs Rainier, Mr A R Ford.

For Suez—Mr and Mrs R Simson, Mrs Carnegy and child, Colonel Hall, Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Innes, Mr Baldwin, Mr Thomas H Rossall, Mr Outer, Mr Williams, Lord Elphinstone, Mr Tyndall, Mr Gustav Deefenbach, Captain Garret and two infants, Mr J Wood, Captain J E A Mackintosh, Mr Carliete.

THE SASSOON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

THE inauguration ceremony of opening the Sassoon Mechanics' Institute and the unveiling of the statue of its founder, David Sassoon, took place on Thursday afternoon, in presence of a large assemblage of ladies and gentlemen. The building which has thus been opened is one in which great interest is taken, both on account of the founder whose name it commemorates and because it is an institution which will be of great advantage to a large number especially of young men. Some interesting particulars regarding the history and construction of the building will be found in the report read by Mr. Firth, which appears below: these we need not repeat, but we may give some particulars concerning the building itself which may be interesting. It is now little more than three years since the foundation stone of the Institute was laid, that ceremony having been performed by Sir Bartle Frere on 21st February 1867. At the request of the Committee of the Mechanics' Institute the design for the building was prepared by Messrs Scott, McClelland, & Co., but was decided that Government having so liberally contributed to the fund, the work should be superintended by the Public Works Department. The building was commenced by Captain Finch, then acting for Colonel Fuller during his absence in England, and about 12 feet from the ground level was built under his superintendence; since then the work has been superintended by Colonel Fuller. The estimate for the work was Rs. 1,45,000, but the building has been constructed for Rs. 1,35,000, or Rs. 10,000 under the estimate. The building as completed looks handsome, though its appearance is to a great extent destroyed, or at least dwarfed, by the contiguous large building on the right. The Institute has in front an open public arcade, with a ground porch. Above this porch is placed an alto-relievo bust of David Sassoon, in Hemnuggur stone. This bust, which is the work of Mr. Kipling, of the School of Art, is acknowledged by all who knew the venerable founder of the building, to be an excellent likeness—many in fact preferring it to the bust of the marble statue which stands in the staircase vestibule. The principal part of the ground floor is occupied by a large room 60 feet by 12½ feet, which it is intended to occupy as a museum. In rear of the building is the vestibule of the staircase leading to the first floor, from which branches off a lecturer's room, 16 feet 6 in. by 14 feet, a cloak room, 14 feet by 8 feet 3 inch, and one of two other conveniences. In this staircase vestibule stands a very fine statue in marble of David Sassoon, in a standing attitude, which was executed in England by Mr. Woolner. On the first floor, above the museum, is a room corresponding with it in size, which will be used as a reading room, and opening out into a fine arcaded verandah 62 feet by 13. A librarian's office, 17 feet by 14 feet 3 inches is also attached to the reading room. The building is surmounted by a tower, with an open terrace 40 feet by 13. The floors both of the ground and first flat are of Minton tiles, and the ceilings are chastely decorated. The rooms will be lighted with chandeliers.

On Thursday the building wore a gay and festive appearance. From the verandah waved a large flag, and the rooms and staircase were decorated with flowers. The ceremony took place in the reading room, which by five o'clock was filled by a large assemblage of ladies and gentlemen, amongst whom we observed the Hon'ble Sir Richard Couch, Chief Justice, and Lady Couch, the Hon'ble Sir M. H. Westropp and Lady Westropp, the Hon'ble Sir Charles Sargent, the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tucker and Mrs. Tucker, the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gibbs, the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Warden, the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Lloyd, the Hon'bl A. D. Sassoon and family, the Hon'ble Mr. Bellasis, Brigadier-General Stock, Mrs. Howard, General Tremenheere and Miss Tremenheere, Commodore Robinson, Colonel Ballard, Mr. A. T. Crawford, Municipal Commissioner and President of the Institute, Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, Bart., Mr. F. Souter, Mr. John Connon, Chief Magistrate, Colonel Macdonald, Military Secretary to Government, Mr. Dosabhoy Framjee, &c.

A guard of honour of native infantry was drawn up opposite the building, and the band of the 95th Regiment was placed in the arcade, and played a selection of music at intervals.

His Excellency Sir Seymour Fitzgerald arrived shortly after five o'clock, and was received at the porch of the building by the Committee of the Sassoon Memorial Fund and directors of the Mechanics' Institution, and the Hon. Mr. A. D. Sassoon, who wore the order of the Star of India. His Excellency was at once conducted by these gentlemen to the chief room. A raised platform had been erected at the south end of the room, and here His Excellency took his seat, with Mr. Sassoon on his right and Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy on his left. The proceedings were commenced by Mr. John Firth, Honorary Secretary to the Memorial Fund, reading the following statement :—

Right Honourable Sir,—When the foundation stone of this building was laid on the 21st of February 1867, a connected narrative of the proceedings leading to collection of funds for the structure was fully recorded. It will be sufficient, therefore, now to repeat that a donation of Rs. 60,000 from the late venerable David Sassoon originated the building fund, and that the public community in memory of the late Mr. David Sassoon liberally subscribed to a Memorial Fund to perpetuate his memory in this town. From these public subscriptions Rs. 20,000 were granted to the building fund, and other Rs. 12,000 were devoted for the statue of the late Mr. David Sassoon, which will be unveiled to-day. The balance of money required has been liberally provided by Government—the total sum spent on the building having been about Rs. 1,35,000, excluding the value of the site, granted also by Government. The architects were Messrs. Scott, McLelland & Co., and the erection of the building has been carried on under the control and supervision of the Government Architectural Executive Engineer (Colonel Fuller.) In January 1866 Government were pleased to order that the title deed of the land on which this building has been erected should be made out in the names of—first, the Collector of Bombay; second, the President of the Mechanics' Institute (for the time being); third, A. D. Sassoon Esq., C.S.I. For appropriate and ornamental furniture consisting of bookshelves, tables, and chairs needed for the institution, as also for incidental expenses connected with to-day's ceremony, the Mechanics' Institution has gratefully to acknowledge a donation of Rs. 4,500 from the Honour-

able Mr. Abdoola David Sassoon, who has also disbursed a further sum of Rs. 1,356 for shipping and other expenses in bringing out the statue.

The Hon'ble Mr. A. D. Sassoon then said—Right Honourable Sir,—The occasion which has brought us together is, as your Excellency may readily suppose, one which inspires me with peculiar but sobered feelings of delight. The remembrance that the founder of this Institute was my late revered father stimulates in me the desire to represent him as fittingly as lies in my power, and moves me to record on this spot, and at this time, the filial affection with which I regard his name and hold it in reverence. Specially on this occasion is he brought again, as it were, face to face with me; and if there be the strain of eulogy regarding him in my remarks, it must be attributed to the abiding love I bear his memory, and which the associations and proceedings of the present hour cannot but stir and inflame. Mankind regard it as a happy destiny for him of whom when dead it can truthfully be said, "His memory in the dust smells sweet." But our purpose here to-day has supreme regard for the living. Life, we hear it reiterated, is earnest, more earnest now than ever it was in the past. There is a demand for the competent, the skilled, the well-equipped to carry on life's business, and to sustain life's responsibilities. The indolent, the slothful, the indifferent, are soon to be nowhere. To qualify for the "race of life," and to "pass" with credit or distinction, as the case may be, in that race, means must be placed within the reach of all, by which knowledge may be acquired, the faculties disciplined, and all the latent, almost unfathomable power that lies in the human mind may be matured. The institution which your Excellency has so graciously undertaken to inaugurate, and within whose walls we are now assembled, is designed to play its part, according to the functions of such an institution, in supplying those means, and in providing a supply, fresh and perennial, of material or pabulum fit for the nourishment and growth in mental stature of all who resort hereto. Now that this institution has a local habitation, firm and sure for all time, as far as we are permitted to see; provided largely as it is with all the appliances fit for its great purpose, it is a pleasant and cheering reflection that, as generation succeeds generation, there will go forth from this building influences that shall benefit and elevate this great city; first, the individual who avails himself of its resources, and so, indirectly, the community at large. To urge that these resources should be availed of by those who are capable of enjoying their benefits, or who possibly may stand in need of the instruments and means of instruction here provided, may seem hardly to be needed; but a word in season cannot be out of place, and therefore I venture only to allude to the many inducements there are in India to forsake instruction for pleasure, and to exchange the "precious life-blood of a master-spirit, embalmed and treasured in books," for the passing entertainment, or, too often, for frivolous pursuits. On the occasion of laying the foundation-stone of this building, now three years since, I had the honour of addressing the late Governor of Bombay, Sir Bartle Frere, on the object it was to serve. "It is designed," I then stated, "for all that large and increasing class of young intelligent Englishmen who bring their energy, experience, and cultivated brain to Bombay, whether to enter on the guidance or practice of mechanical labour, or into some of the subordinate departments of commercial life. It is designed also for that large class of educated natives, whose opportunities of instruction your Excellency has done so much to extend, and who, although not following the practice of mechanical arts, may yet employ their leisure in the study of useful branches of knowledge within these walls." That these purposes will be largely fulfilled year by year there can be no manner of doubt; and that the benefits of this institution will be widespread, all who take an interest in it sanguinely believe. This is a fitting opportunity to pay a tribute to your Excellency's predecessor in the government of this Presidency, who evinced so much interest in, and extended so much encouragement to, all efforts for the promotion of education in this country, and almost the last public act of his official life in Bombay was the laying of the foundation stone of this institution. But to you, sir, is afforded the higher pleasure of witnessing the consummation of what he and others promoted; I may be bold to assume, too, that it cannot but be gratifying to your Excellency to inaugurate an institution, such as this is, which is designed for so noble a purpose. And now I would be permitted personally, and in behalf of the committee, to thank your Excellency for so graciously acceding to our request to undertake the duty which has inspired in us all so much interest on this occasion, and formally to make over to the trustees of the Mechanics' Institution this memorial building, to be from henceforth named and called the "Sassoon Mechanics' Institute."

Mr. A. T. Crawford, in accepting the trust, said—Right Hon'ble Sir, Mr. Sassoon, Ladies, and Gentlemen,—As President of the Mechanics' Institute it becomes my pleasing duty to accept on its behalf the trust of this beautiful building, to receive from the son's hands the noble present of his honoured father. Hitherto, we have existed so to speak in obscurity, having no suitable accommodation for our members. We shall now possess a splendid property situated most conspicuously and suitably furnished by the liberality of the donor's son, and while thus brought more prominently before the public, our Institution must become more popular, it will be our earnest endeavour to fulfil all the objects which the founders of the Institute, and especially its greatest benefactor, had in view. We feel that we are deeply honoured by the Association of that benefactor's name with our Institute, a name which like that of Peabody and Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy will ever live in the memory of natives We thank your Excellency (turning to the Governor) for your presence here on this auspicious occasion, and trust it is the prelude to further interest in our Society. We include in our ranks, skilled and practical men from all branches of every profession, as also some of the best mathematical talent; and if your Excellency should at any time honour this body by consulting it on any question of public interest or utility I venture to predict, it will not be found wanting. Mr. Sassoon, on behalf of the community, we accept this building, with feelings of the deepest gratitude and respect to your late father.

Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy said—May it please your Excellency,—I beg your indulgence for a minute or two while I make a few remarks preparatory to asking your Excellency to uncover the statue of the late Mr. David Sassoon. Your Excellency is no doubt aware that at a public meeting held in 1864, not very long after the death of him whose memory the statue is designed to perpetuate amongst us, it was resolved and carried unanimously that the extraordinary beneficence of the late David Sassoon, and his many public and private virtues, deserved public recognition; and it was further decided that the most fitting form of this public recognition would be a statue placed in the hall of the institution which his beneficence called into existence. A full account of the late lamented gentleman was given at the meeting, before alluded to, in 1864. It is not in my power, neither is it necessary to enlarge upon what, in this city at least, is so well known. I will therefore merely state that the late David Sassoon was no ordinary man. The son of a Bagdad aristocrat, he left his country, and settled in Bombay, where he established a mercantile house, trading to Southern Asia, England, France, China, and Japan. He made his sons his agents in foreign ports, and by degrees he amassed immense wealth, a large portion of which he devoted to works of charity and benevolence. Such a man, the citizens of Bombay in 1864, in public meeting assembled, resolved to honour. The result is the statue which has been fittingly placed in the hall of the Sassoon Mechanics' Institution; and which we hope will be uncovered, and displayed to public view this day. This is a memorial of the public of Bombay intended to show to future generations that Bombay delighted to honour such a one as the late David Sassoon, and is not willing that his memory should quickly pass away. Let me now ask your Excellency to give effect to the wishes of the Bombay public, by formally uncovering the statue, and so displaying to public view, to remain to be gazed upon by our children and our children's children the lineaments of that good man, that great benefactor of the human race, the late David Sassoon.

His Excellency the Governor then said—Mr. Sassoon, Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, and ladies and gentlemen,—I should have been glad, I confess, after the somewhat exciting events we have lately passed through, to have avoided taking part in such a demonstration as this; but when you, Mr. Sassoon, asked me to be present here to-day I felt that the object was such that I could not refuse—that it was a duty as well as a pleasure to attend. I felt, as you, sir, in the observations you addressed

MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT ON THE G. I. P. RAILWAY COMPANY.

During their last several sittings the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Westropp were engaged in hearing a suit brought by the Municipality of Bombay against the G. I. P. Railway Company, to have it decided on what principle the property held by the defendants should be assessed. Mr. Serjeant Atkinson, Mr. McCulloch, and Mr. Green (instructed by the Messrs. Leathes) were counsel for the plaintiffs; and the Hon'ble Mr. Scoble, Mr. Marriott, and Mr. Latham (instructed by Messrs. Manisty and Hurrell) appeared for the defendants. The argument was concluded on Thursday, and their lordships have reserved their judgment.

INDO-EUROPEAN TELEGRAPH.

The time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay from 8 P.M. of the 24th to 8 P.M. of the 25th March is as follows:—

To Bombay	Max.	Min.
From Kurrachee	5 36	0 10
„ Calcutta	32 19	3 27
„ Madras	26 59	10 55

Communication between Bombay and Kurrachee perfect.

Undelivered messages in the Bombay Signal Office—
Marine Christa Gheorhin, from Manchester.
Eduljee, from Calcutta.
Dhunna Oka Sharaie, from Erinpoora.
Nowrojee Nanabhoy, from Poona.
Gavin Martin, from Nusseerabad.
Manockjee, from Calcutta.
Maddula Abpanna Raghuriadhadass Ramchordass Cothee, from Rajahmundry.
Saik David at Bengalpore, from Calicut.
Abdool Aly and Company, from Nagpore.
Roza Gookur, from Vingorla.
Dayabhoy Motecchund Harrackchund Sootarchall, from Nassick.
C. J. Carns, from Rangoon.
Cherrookoory Ramunah, from Dowlaishwarum.
Mrs. Cooke, care of Post Master, from Mhow.
Captain Home, Royal Engineers, from Jubbulpore.
Colonel Nuthall, from Madras.
Fane, from Mooltan.
Vandoo Muckanjee, from London.
Soorjee Manjee, from Julgaum.
Furdhoonjee Bhurjodjee, from Surat.
Moonseef Hajiruthmea Loowarchal, from Broach.
Luximbhaee Mistrine, Bapoo Selunkur Warry, from Baroda.
G. Loyes, from Leith.
Calicut Mamoo, from Calcutta.

A CURIOUS CHARGE AGAINST A DANCING-GIRL.

At the Girgaum Police Court, on Thursday, Gunputrao Malharao, a clerk in the office of the Collector of Income Tax, laid an information against Kooshee, a dancing-girl, charging her with intentionally insulting him in the presence of other persons.

The informant said—I am a clerk in the office of the Collector of Income Tax, Bombay, and live in Candawady. I know one Kooshee, woman. On Saturday night, the 19th inst., about 1 o'clock, I was at the house of a friend at Coombhartookda Lane near Khutturwady. The said Kooshee (woman was singing in my friend's house. I asked her to sing a song in the Marathee language. She replied to me, "What do you Purbhooda understand—forehead!" She spoke in an insulting manner. The word "Purbhooda" is an offensive word; and it is a great insult when applied to a respectable man of my caste, that is Purbhoo. Many persons were present when the said Kooshee insulted me. Their names are Madharao Nillajee, Jugonnath Bhasker, and Jugonnath and Ragoonath Vishwanath. I do not know the names of all the persons. I charge the said Kooshee with intentional insult, and thereby giving provocation, intending or knowing it to be likely that such provocation would cause a person to break the public peace or to commit any other offence, and I pray that she may be summoned and dealt with according to law.

The Magistrate ordered a summons to issue as applied for.

A WOMAN PROSECUTING HER HUSBAND FOR ASSAULT.

On Thursday last, Mrs. Catherine Long, a married woman, appeared at the Girgaum Police Court, before Mr. R. H. Showell, and laid the following information against her husband, John Long:—

"I am a married woman and used to live with my husband John Long till the morning of the 18th instant. On the night of the 17th, about half past 10 o'clock, he came home to Berkley Place, Byculla. He was quite drunk. One Mr. Holder was with him. They commenced to dance about the room. Other men came into the house, drank liquor, and then left. About 1 o'clock on the morning of the 18th inst., while my daughter, Julia Buckley, was lowering the gas, I beckoned to her to come into my room. My husband was sitting in an arm-chair. The moment I called my said daughter and beckoned to her he got up and abused me. He then ran after me with a chair in his hands. I ran into the bed-room. He struck me with the chair on my head and the chair broke. He then picked up a four-legged stool and broke it also on my head. I bled profusely. I then ran into the bath-room and hid myself under the clothes basket. He then took out one of the posts of the bed and broke it on the basket. I was struck on the left side. I got up and he threw me out of the door of the room. I entered the room and he commenced to give me blows in the stomach. I then ran out of the house and went into the room of Mrs. Edmonstone, which is close by. My said daughter Julia accompanied me. My other three children were in their bed-room. They were screaming out. The eldest of them, Timothy Buckley, cried out 'murder.' At 9 o'clock on the morning of the 18th inst., I went into the European General Hospital, where I have been since. I obtained leave from Dr. Joynt to come here and complain. My said husband has repeatedly assaulted me seriously. I am in danger of my life and have been under treatment by Drs. Rogers, Eccles, and Joynt in consequence of ill-treatment I have received from my husband. I charge the said John Long with assault, and pray that he may be apprehended and dealt with according to law."

The Magistrate on the foregoing information ordered a summons to issue against John Long.

FORT POLICE COURT.—25TH MARCH.

(Before John Connon, Esq.)

Resisting a Police Officer.—One W. Chatfield, a European, was charged yesterday with resisting a police constable while in the execution of his duty, and was fined five rupees.

(Before Nana Morojee, Esq.)

An Old Offender.—A Musulman was charged with having in his possession a copper measure, suspected of having been stolen or fraudulently obtained. The man was convicted, and being an old offender was sentenced to three weeks' rigorous imprisonment.

GIRGAUM POLICE COURT.—25TH MARCH.

(Before R. H. Showell, Esq.)

Theft.—A Mahomedan was charged with stealing fifteen rupees in cash from the pocket of a Hindoo, and was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

AFTER THE HONEYMOON:

A PAGE FROM THE DIARY OF A YOUNG LADY.

Saturday.—Returned from our honeymoon trip last night—a fortnight sooner than we expected; but, really, the place was so stupid, and we—well, we were rather stupid there too, I think. But then two people, though they may be ever so fond of each other, do find each other wanting in conversational powers after three weeks' solitary confinement.

In consequence of our coming back unexpectedly, the house is in great disorder, and most uncomfortable. We had to sleep last night *without any sheets*, because John said they weren't properly aired. It was *very* unpleasant.

Sunday morning.—John *quite lost his temper* this morning, just because he found his coffee cold when he came down and the eggs hard. When I asked him if he was going to church, he said, "Oh, confound it." And this from John on the second morning of our commencing the serious business of matrimony!—for of course the honeymoon doesn't count.

Sunday afternoon.—We dined at two, on account of the servants going to church. I know John can't bear dining in the middle of the day, and dear mamma told me my husband would probably object; but as *I know I'm right*, I mean to carry out mamma's advice, and *begin at once with what I intend to go on.*

So I say to John, "You know, dear, we can't have what we like *always*." John looks cross and says, "So it seems." However, I have carried my point.

Sunday evening.—I am so dull. John has been asleep with his handkerchief over his head all the afternoon. "Dining in the middle of the day *always* makes him sleepy," he says. Poor John has *so* changed since we returned.

He hasn't asked me to sit on the stool by his chair—which he calls the "stool of repentance"—*once* since the honeymoon; *then* he did every day after dinner. I feel just as if I could have *a good cry*; but there's the tea to make.

After tea John says "he thinks he shall go and look up old Jenkinson."

I ask him as quietly as I can if he isn't going to take me to church? He whistles, and says, "Of course, *if I like*; but, for his own part, his education didn't comprise going to church in the evening."

I reply, *as quietly* as I can, "Pray don't put yourself out on *my* account."

He says directly, "Very well, then, I won't; so I'll just go round and knock up old Jenkinson, and bring him in to supper."

I say quite calmly, as I feel myself *now* mistress of the situation,—

"But, my dear, there is only *some cold mutton*, for you can't expect the servants to cook on Sunday nights."

"Oh, very well," John says, "then *I'll take him down to the Club*."

Going to the Club the first Sunday evening—the *third* only after our honeymoon! I was so stupefied with sheer astonishment I couldn't answer him. What *would* mamma say to this.

Monday morning.—John did not come home last night till nearly *twelve!* At breakfast time I *quite* expected him to make an apology, and had already made up a pretty little speech of forgiveness, but he only said, "Jenkinson was a capital fellow, and they had had a jolly evening."

After I had poured out his coffee—like a dutiful wife as I *hope* I am—I went upstairs and had *a good cry*.

Shall write to mamma after lunch and ask for advice.

2 P.M.—John just come in to lunch, *smiling*. He takes me round the waist—just as he used to do in the honeymoon time, and just as if we hadn't had the least tiff in the world—and holds two little pieces of pasteboard over my head.

"What does the little woman think these are?" he says.

It seems the dear fellow has been to get tickets for us both for the theatre to-night. He is so *kind* and *nice* all lunch-time. How glad I was that I didn't make a fuss about his stopping at the Club! He looks so handsome with his dear whiskers, that I can't help going round to his chair and kissing him. As he holds both my hands in his and looks up into my face, he says my eyes are full of tears, and asks me what is the matter.

I tell him the only matter is that I am "very, *very* fond of him, and that—that—"

"Yes," he says holding me tight, "and that?"

I go on bravely, for the kind eyes looking up at me are full of love.

"And that I'm very sorry about the two o'clock dinner: we will have dinner on Sundays for the future at *whatever time he likes*."

He doesn't say anything, but holds my hands very tight, and kisses me—oh, so tenderly! Presently he says, "Where's the stool of repentance?"

I bring the stool, and sit down close to his easy-chair. I am very, *very*, VERY happy. It is as good as the honeymoon, only not *half* so dull, for we are going to the theatre this evening. *Dear* John!

I shan't write to mamma now for any advice, and i is a very easy matter to make some *fresh coffee* when John *is* late in the mornings.—*Judy*.

THE MOABITE INSCRIPTION.

(*The Times.*)

The learned world will receive with interest a paper which has been published by M. le Comte de Vogüé concerning the inscribed stone which has recently been discovered on the site of the ancient Dibon, in the land of Moab. At present we must confine ourselves to a mere abstract of this communication, leaving criticism and controversy to the future. The history of the stone, and of the measures taken to obtain a copy of the inscription, is related by M. Clermont Ganneau, Dragoman of the French Consulate of Jerusalem, to whom the world is chiefly indebted for this important addition to antiquarian knowledge. He says that he had long known, from the reports of natives and Bedouins, that there existed at Dhibân, the ancient Dibon, a great block of black stone covered with characters. Although he suspected the importance of the monument, the expense and difficulty of journey in the Trans-Jordanic country prevented him from taking any steps to secure it. At length the information he received left no doubt that it was a Phœnician tablet, and M. Ganneau even received from an Arab a roughly-made copy of the inscription. He resolved to procure a cast of the whole, and sent an intelligent young Arab for the purpose, in which he was forestalled by Salim Hanidié, the owners of the stone, and M. Ganneau's agents had to fly. One of them, however, had the presence of mind to carry off the paper, still wet, which had been placed on the stone.

This was enough to prove clearly the character of the inscription, but, unhappily, the impression was so indistinct as to be almost useless. M. Ganneau employed another Arab Sheikh in the business, but he returned with the terrible intelligence that the Arabs of the district had destroyed the stone, fearing lest it should give the Turkish Government an excuse for interfering in their affairs. It seems that some inquiry had been made on the subject by order of Constantinople, and you may seeshun," cried the obdurate Celt, "but when New-Year comes McGregor is on the floor."

There is a "Scoteh fair" held twice a year in the settlement still, and chartered by the Legislature. It used to draw great multitudes of people—sometimes, to the number of eight or ten thousand. Booths were erected and all sorts of things exposed for sale or barter. The fair, however, has degenerated of late years, and its principal features now are drinking, gambling, and "horse-swopping." It is, therefore, no longer attended by the ladies, who used to be present in great numbers and give the fair a gay and festive appearance.

SHERMAN'S "BUMMERS."

The people have suffered terribly by the war. Besides the ordinary drain of men and money, Sherman's army of 60,000 men passed through the country in 1865 making a broad track of desolation; while swarms of marauders—"bummers" as they were called in the South—took advantage of the nearness of Sherman's army, and the absence of most of the male population, to scour the country, plundering defenceless villages and plantations. They had been at almost all the plantations I visited in the Scotch settlement. At one of these (a little plantation in Robeson county) a party of them had met with a spirited resistance from the lady of the house—a tall, thin lady, full of southern spirit and inspired by great hatred of the "Yankees." When the "bummers" came in the dusk of evening, there were none but negroes and children in the house, as I heard. Mrs. M., however, barricaded the doors and windows, made the girls conceal themselves, put a fowling-piece in the boy's hands, took another herself, and taking up her position in the passage, prepared to give the bummers a warm reception. She had no hope of holding out long if they were determined to get in, but she hoped that a show of resistance would induce them to retire, as they could not know how many persons were within. The bummers went to the back door first, but found it barricaded; and on coming round to the front, were received with a shot. They immediately fired back, shivering the little panel of wood cut out of the door, through one of which Mrs. M. had taken aim. Then ensued quite a little scrimmage, Mrs. M. and the boy firing as fast as they could load. The boy was hit on the side of the head and had to retire, and as the bummers were evidently resolved to effect an entrance and had sent round word to force the back door in a few days, there was nothing for it but unconditional surrender. Mrs. M., who had bound her long black hair round her head before the action commenced, now shook it out hastily, and laying aside her weapon, prepared to assume the character of the indignant lady. The bummers burst in and seeing only a woman rushed through the house in search of the men who had been firing at them. Finding only a roomful of girls and a wounded boy not worth wreaking vengeance on, they demanded to know where "the man with the black cap" was, having as it turned out caught a glimpse of Mrs. M.'s face through a broken pane of glass and mistaken her turban of hair for a man's cap. She deemed it safest to keep up the delusion, and said both men had got out by the window and were by this time in the woods. They stormed and swore, vowed vengeance on the men with the black cap if they found him; and in the meantime fearing possibly that the "man" might be in the wood and make the place dangerous, they plundered the house with all expedition and went off.

These "bummers" from much practice became wonderfully expert in discovering where valuables had been concealed. If they suspected them to be in a field they would fall into rank across one end and come down the whole field dibbling the ground as they advanced with their rainrods. If anything had been concealed there and the displaced earth had been removed the ramrod went down; if the earth had been trampled in, the place was harder than the rest of the field, and in either case the bummers found the prize. Sometimes they succeeded by stratagem where they had failed in the ordinary way. At one village where they had searched in vain round premises where they were said to expect a rich harvest, one of them, dressing in Confederate grey to escape suspicion, returned after the rest were gone and finding the old gentleman of the house, said, "It's come out where these things of yours are, and the bummers are coming back this way. I'd advise you to shift them to a safer place." The old gentleman thanked him, and at the first opportunity dug them up and put them in another place. The spy watched him, and overtook him with the booty that night.

I found many of the Scotch settlers' houses completely "cleared out" by these marauders, many things having been wantonly burnt and destroyed when they were too big to be carried away.

INCIDENTS IN THE CAREER OF A SCOTCH CONFEDERATE.

The settlement contributed one of the best regiments in North Carolina to the southern army, and furnished several men who rose to great distinction. One of these, General William Macrae, enlisted in 1861 as a private in the Munroe Light Infantry, and rose in three years to the rank of Brigadier General. His personal courage and splendid handling of his troops caused him to be thrice complimented by Lee in General Orders. I met him at Wilmington. He is a tall, handsome, dark-visaged fellow, with the look of a soldier. Notwithstanding the many battles in which he had fought, often leading his men to the charge through storms of shot and shell, he had never been wounded except once in the jaw by a ball, though twice he had his sword shot in two, and his hat and clothes much torn by bullets and fragments of shell. It was said that on one occasion he had the unhappy distinction of being fired at by a whole division; but again escaped.

If I remember the circumstances correctly, it was dusk, there was heavy skirmishing going on, and Macrae, making his way through the woods, and riding up to what he thought was a division of Confederate troops, found to his horror that it was Franklin's division of the enemy. He was recognized and told that he was a prisoner. He said nothing, but turning his horse and giving it a touch of the spur galloped for the wood. According to report the whole of Franklin's division of 20,000 fired a volley after him; but by that time the little pony had come to full speed and carried its rider out of danger without a scratch, though his sword was cut in two, his cap shot off, and his horse badly wounded.

His brother told me a ludicrous incident in connection with him. He said that when William enlisted, the country tailor who got the order for his soldier's jacket and who had a confused notion of military costume, pre-

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THE HIGHLAND SETTLEMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA.

FLORA MACDONALD.

There is a very old Scotch settlement in North Carolina which I went to see while travelling through that state. The original settlers were mostly Highlanders from the Western Isles and Ross, driven from Scotland in ship-loads by the disturbances and persecutions that followed the downfall of the House of Stuart. In 1775 Flora Macdonald joined them with her husband and family. At Wilmington they showed me the place where she lived during her brief stay in the city. She had been received there and at different points in her way up-country with Highland honours. She arrived at an unhappy crisis. The difficulties between the British Government and the American colonies were just coming to a head, and Flora had not been many months in the country before the war began. It was a curious thing that many of the very Highlanders who had fought against the House of Brunswick at home were now forward to array themselves on its side. But they had been conservatives in principle, and conservatism in America meant loyalty to the British crown. Many of them, however, espoused the cause of independence. The crafty Governor of the State, fearing a spread of this feeling, and knowing Flora Macdonald's influence with her countrymen, commissioned her kinsman (Donald Macdonald), who had been an officer in the Prince's army, to raise a regiment of Highlanders for the king, and gave her husband the rank of captain. This identified the heroine with the royal cause, and through her personal influence a great many of the Highland settlers were drawn into the royal ranks. When the standard was erected at Cross Creek 1,500 of them assembled in arms, but on their way to join Governor Martin they were attacked by a strong force of the enemy and routed. The issue of the war led Flora to leave America and return to her native island of Skye, where she spent the remainder of her days. In the meantime, the Highland settlers, divided by the war, were reunited by peace, and became good Republicans. When the difficulties between North and South threatened a rupture they were almost to a man opposed to secession; but (brought up to the Southern notions of State sovereignty) no sooner did the State go out than they followed with Highland loyalty, and none crowded more eagerly to the front or fought more desperately to the bitter end.

VISIT TO THE SETTLEMENT.

I went to visit the settlement in February, starting from Wilmington, going part of the way by the Cape Fear River steamer, and then passing in a south-west direction by rail into the county of Robeson, which is part of the "Scotch country." I found that five counties were peopled by the Highlanders, namely Bladen, Moore, Robeson, Richmond and Cumberland. There is one Scotch town, Fayetteville (the place where Flora Macdonald lived and where you still see the ruins of her house); here and there also you come upon little villages, but the population is generally thinly scattered over the vast plains and forest land stretching back from the Cape Fear River. The people however are well-off, almost every man owning his house and his two or three hundred acres of land. The principal produce hitherto has been cotton, but since the war, grain is being more cultivated; and a vine called the Scuppernong, which produces a beautiful straw-coloured wine, was being extensively planted, and is going to be an important trade by and bye in North Carolina. It grows wild here, and where nothing else will grow—a sort of soil of which Carolina has plenty—and it is said to yield large returns.

Gaelic was long the language of the settlement—the Highland planters teaching it even to their negroes—but it has almost entirely died out. A church near Fayetteville had introduced it into a few years back, but they are now discontinued. Those who still possess a knowledge of the old language are said to cherish it sacredly. A story is told of a man travelling through part of the settlement who, being overtaken by the darkness, went to a farm-house and asked if he could have lodging. This being given, he found the man sitting in front of the great pinewood fire with his family, took the man for a "buckskin" or idle vagabond, and said, "No." "Good night, then," said the man, speaking in Gaelic. The farmer jumped up with an exclamation of surprise, and hastening to the door from which the stranger had just turned, brought him back and joined with the family in welcoming him to the hospitality of his home.

Dancing used to be common in the settlement, but the settlers are almost all Presbyterians, and the Presbyterian Church in America has set its face against dancing, and has done a good deal to bring it into disrepute. They told me of one minister (a Highlander of the name of McGregor, who was a famous dancer, and at New-Year time kept himself in a chronic state of alcoholic excitement and put in an appearance wherever there was the chance of a reel or strathspey. The minister remonstrated with him and at last threatened with church discipline. "Very well, then sesshun and

THE CONSERVATIVE LEADERSHIP IN THE LORDS.

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The majority of the House of Lords, after the failure of their repeated efforts to choose a leader, will be compelled practically to trust to the principle of natural selection. The peers who attended the late meeting at the Carlton were probably unaware that they were engaged in a constitutional innovation. Leaders of either party have seldom or never owed their rank to a Parliamentary constituency; and if the Conservative party had not lost something of its ancient discipline, the patronage of the vacant post would have rested, not with the peers themselves, but with Mr. Disraeli. Lord Cairns was chosen, in accordance with custom, by the principal members of the former Cabinet, or rather by the late Prime Minister; and he fully justified the confidence of his chief by effecting, in conformity with instructions, the celebrated compromise of the Opposition to the Irish Church Bill. Mr. Disraeli had not thought it expedient even to consult Lord Derby before he caused his able lieutenant to allow the bill to pass. The peers, although they were saved from a serious danger by the prudence of Mr. Disraeli, may perhaps covertly resent his interference; and the novel assertion of their right to elect their own leader serves as a protest on behalf of their independence. In the present Lord Derby they choose an ally and confidential colleague of the head of the party; but, if their successors peers have power to fill the vacancy, they might appoint Mr. Disraeli's irreconcilable opponent in the person of Lord Salisbury. Few of them perhaps have reflected that without an understanding between the leaders in both Houses the party would become absolutely powerless. The election of a leader involves the contingent appointment of a First Minister, or of his principal colleague; and yet the disposal of Cabinet offices has never belonged to the members of either House. The late Lord Derby was himself the head of the entire party, and it was with his approval, and not by a vote of independent members, that Lord G. Bentinck and Mr. Disraeli successively led the House of Commons. It is true that Lord Derby made strenuous efforts to substitute for Mr. Disraeli some more congenial and manageable representative of his policy, but ultimately he was compelled to recognise the claims of an individual which the first time of their first joint tenure of office mastered and controlled his own. It never occurred to the Conservative members of the House of Commons that they had a right to choose a leader for themselves irrespectively of the wishes of Lord Derby. Lord Granville was appointed by Lord Palmerston to succeed Lord Lansdowne as leader of the Liberal party in the House of Lords, and he at present holds his office by the favour of Mr. Gladstone. If Lord Granville were to retire from political life, the Prime Minister would dispose of the leadership as absolutely as of the Colonial Department. During the earlier part of Pitt's administration Lord Sydney nominally led the House of Lords, but the ability and vigour of Lord Thurlow, who often disregarded the wishes of the Prime Minister, embarrassed the conduct of business. After submitting for a time to the inconvenience, Pitt created William Grenville a peer, and at once by his own authority made him the representative of the Cabinet in the House of Lords. When he assumed his new position Lord Grenville was several years younger than Lord Derby is in 1870, and he possessed far less Parliamentary experience.

It was only at a later period, and with the advantage of long practice, that he became an effective speaker, and although he afterwards proved himself a real statesman, he might perhaps never have emerged from comparative obscurity if he had not been promoted by his powerful friend and kinsman. Lord Derby is not remarkably fluent in speech or fertile in the resources of debate, but he speaks much better than the Duke of Wellington, who led the House of Lords for twenty years. The loyalty of the Duke to the colleague who had succeeded him as head of the party was characteristic and instructive. There was little sympathy or personal intimacy between the two Conservative chiefs, and the unexampled temper and tact which he displayed by the Queen's Speech would have enabled him at any time to thwart Sir Robert Peel's cautious policy; but, with many defects as a statesman, the Duke thoroughly understood the necessity of party discipline, and he always rallied his majority in support of changes which he sometimes disliked and disapproved. If Lord Derby should be prepared to follow his example by acting in subordination to Mr. Disraeli, he was well advised in declining the offer of the Conservative peers. The excuses with which he explained his refusal were probably sincere as far as they went, but Lord Derby himself must have been well aware that they were insufficient either in justification of his conduct or as a full account of his motives. The Duke of Richmond and Lord Salisbury, who proposed and seconded the nomination, were fully aware that lightness, dexterity, and readiness were not Lord Derby's most conspicuous qualifications. Of their reasons for nevertheless persisting in choosing the peer who was the best judges than Lord Derby himself, and it might have been thought that, as he professes his intention of adhering to the party, he was bound to render it the best service in his power.

The primary duty of a Conservative leader in the House of Lords is to avoid collisions with the House of Commons without any unnecessary sacrifice of dignity. Mr. Disraeli, as he showed in his surprise of the conscience of his followers in the matter of the Irish Church, correctly appreciates the comparative powers of the two Houses, and he is well known to be equally by party, would as far as possible employ his powers in making the House of Lords a Court of political appeal by supervising the method and machinery of legislation, rather than by opposing the decisions of the country, in great matters or small. Nothing can be more reasonable than that the House of Lords should, in the exercise of many measures, afford opportunities of reconsideration; but the function of postponing for one or for five years changes which are obviously inevitable is neither honourable nor useful. In Lord Melbourne's time it was natural that the House of Lords should, at the instigation of Lord Lyndhurst, defeat ministerial measures. The Government had at that time only a small and declining majority in the House of Commons, and it was evident that the accession of a Conservative Government to office was only a question of time. There is no chance of disturbing Mr. Gladstone's majority, and by the last Reform Bill the party of innovation has been greatly strengthened. Conservative opposition has consequently become almost hopeless; and Lord Derby would, more easily than any other leader, have accepted the altered condition of affairs, because he on many points agrees with the Liberal party rather than with his own political allies. Even the Irish Church it was apparent, from the language of his solitary speech, that he had no sympathy with the defenders of the Establishment.

The substitution of another elected leader will be attended with serious difficulty. Lord Salisbury is the ablest of possible candidates, but if he were to succeed Lord Cairns, he would probably break the party in the House of Commons he would have but a scanty following independently of Mr. Disraeli. The policy of supporting the moderate Liberals against their extreme allies has been recommended in an authoritative quarter, and if it had been adopted by the party a dozen years ago, it would have prevented much disaster and disgrace; but the argument was directed almost exclusively against Mr. Disraeli, who will certainly not renounce his habit of courting any disaffected section of the Opposition party. The rumour that the Duke of Marlborough is to be chosen by the peers is so intrinsically improbable that it may probably be founded on external evidence. No peer on the Opposition benches is less qualified to lead a party; and, if no better selection can be made, it would be almost better to fall back on Lord Malmesbury. Neither nobleman would be capable of exercising the power of a leader, even if he were installed in his office with as solemn a form as the ceremony of a coronation. The Whig chiefs sixty years ago tried a similar experiment with the House of Commons; and the result is recorded in the *New Whig Guide*, in the report of the "Trial of Henry Brougham for calling Mr. Ponsonby an old woman." Lord Salisbury and Lord Derby would be incapable of any similar discourtesy; but when the House required guidance on any important matter, one or other of them would assume the conduct of its debates, without the smallest reference to the respectable Duke on the front Opposition bench. Although the present anarchy or interregnum is inconvenient, the peers will be well advised in postponing, like the Spanish Ministry, now order has begun.

THE REMOTER CONSEQUENCES OF MR. GLADSTONE'S BILL.

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Last year, when the Irish Church Bill was under discussion, its adversaries said that, although its operation was nominally confined to Ireland, it was based on principles which could not fail to have a wider effect, and that it had an obvious tendency to bring about the separation of State and Church in England." This appeared to us perfectly true. It might be well worth while to pass the Irish Church Bill in spite of its having that tendency; but it is idle to suppose that such a measure would leave the position of the Church of England, as an Establishment where it found it. In the same way, we may be sure that the Irish Land Bill will have consequences that will operate widely beyond the shores of Ireland. It is based on novel principles that must produce their effect on the minds and fortunes of Englishmen. It is a marked symptom of a great change that is going on, and which it will necessarily augment, in the opinions of many important classes of Englishmen. These remoter consequences of the Irish Land Bill are well worth considering. Not that a perception of them need stand in the way of the measure, or that we are called on to pronounce them bad or good. At present it is sufficient to recognize what they are, and to see in what direction this bill is carrying English society.

In the first place, the bill is founded on the assumption that there are a number of persons so poor and so necessitous that they are not really competent to enter into contracts. Freetrade, as Mr. Gladstone said, not only fails to help them, but actually has proved prejudicial to them. They cannot face unlimited competition and live. The State must, therefore, step in and help them to contract properly, and to do so it must protect them and nurse their interests until they get a proper contract offered them. Who can fail to see that this is exactly the principle on which Trade-Unions have been based? These Unions profess that the working-man is not free to contract, that freetrade and unlimited competition crush him, and that if he is left to himself he will sell his labour for a sum on which he will starve, just as the poor Irishman will bid for a holding of land far more than the rent he can possibly pay. Hitherto the State has endeavoured to account for the special protection it has extended to some persons, as incompetent to enter into contracts, by referring it to their sex and age. Women and children have been prevented from working beyond their strength. But now adult males are pronounced incapable of entering into fair contracts because they are poor and foolish, and, if left each to himself, are powerless to avert the consequences of the unfair pressure that is put upon them. The Trade-Unions step in to do in England exactly what Mr. Gladstone proposes that the State shall do in Ireland. They help the adult male poor to make fair contracts. We do not see that there is a single argument against Trade-Unions which would not be of equal force against Mr. Gladstone's Bill, and every argument that justifies the departure from the stern doctrines of Political Economy in the one case will justify it in the other. Where the doctrine now officially promulgated that the State or some other organization is entitled to interfere in cases that the adult male poor make fair contracts will ultimately land us it is really impossible to conjecture. But it may safely be said that it will carry us a very long way. It is also a fundamental principle of the bill that where a change operates on a poor man and a rich man, and compensation is to be given, that in addition to the ordinary greater proportional compensation because the change tells most hardly on him. An Irishman with a holding under £10 is to receive a much larger proportional compensation if he is evicted than his neighbour with a holding of £50, because the poor man suffers most from eviction, finds it more difficult to himself, to break up his home and begin anew. Some of the consequences of this doctrine will be startling. The higher class of Government officials, for example, may view it with some dismay. Hitherto the practice has been exactly the reverse of what Mr. Gladstone proposes. If Government no longer wants the services of a well-to-do man, it ordinarily gives him a handsome sum for doing nothing for the rest of his life. If it no longer wants the services of a poor man, it turns him off without a penny. The official assignees evicted or turned off under the late Bankruptcy Bill were like the Irishmen with holdings of £50. The dockyard workmen evicted or turned off were like the Irishmen with holdings under £10. The one set were men of some money, education, and standing, able to shift for themselves and to begin life anew. The others were poor men, who had to break up their homes, seek work in distant places, and withdraw their children and their wives and children while they were finding it. But in England it was the well-to-do men who got large sums by way of compensation from the Government, while the poor men got nothing at all. Can it be supposed that English workmen will be quite silent and patient while they deal so very different a principle applied in one case and the other? They will be apt to remonstrate in a very pointed manner against their richer brethren in the Government service being so much better treated than they are.

Then, again, there are the landlords. Mr. Gladstone tells them that they too, although they may not think it, are going to have a benefit. They are going to have what is of no use to them, and to receive what will be of the very greatest use to them. They will lose political power, and the pleasure of doing what they like with their own, regardless of the feelings and interests of others; but they will get larger incomes, and will find happier lives. The obvious effect on the position of English landlords will rapidly become like that of Irish landlords. The landlord will be a capitalist, with an investment yielding him a small but increasing return in the shape of rent. The tenant will be the practical manager of the estate, holding for a term long enough to make his management a reasonably good speculation. The labourer will be settled on the estate with a plot of his own, to which he can if he pleases give an increasing value that he can call his own. Landlords may, as Mr. Gladstone points out, have a most useful and happy existence under such a state of things, but their position will be different from that which it is now. The general change will make itself felt in a number of small changes of habit and opinion. The notion that a landowner is a man having the entire control over land for every purpose, good or bad, will fade away. He will be merely an investor having an investment that will give him a safe return and much social importance, but which will be easily seen, easily taxed, and easily subjected to the claims of the public. A state of things will grow up in which it will be entirely impossible that what is said to exist in Wales now, for example, shall endure; and that a landowner should forbid the poor for miles to have any school because he dislikes education, or forbid them to worship as they please because he dislikes Dissent. There is a keen pleasure in domineering, and English law and custom have in old days enabled the landlord to enjoy this pleasure to a large degree. Already, under a number of combining influences, the enjoyment of this pleasure has become rarer, and the Irish Land Bill will only mark in a significant manner that the era of irresponsible land-lordism, with its evil and its good—and the English landlords have largely exercised their power for good—is drawing to a close. The new order of things will, we trust, be better than the old; but it is impossible to be blind to the fact that the passing of the Irish Land Bill will proclaim that a

THE CASE OF THE REV. GEORGE GILFILLAN.

The United Presbyterian Presbytery of Dundee met on Feb. 22—Rev. Mr. Graham, moderator. The principal business before the Court was the motion transmitted from the Presbytery of Edinburgh calling attention to certain statements which had been made by the Rev. Mr. Gilfillan as to blunders in the Standards of the Church. The meeting took place in Mr. Gilfillan's own church, and there was a large attendance of the public, who watched the proceedings with lively interest.

The minute of the Edinburgh Presbytery having been read,

The Clerk (the Rev. Mr. Muir, Newtyle) submitted the following motion—"That the Presbytery take action on the motion transmitted from the Edinburgh Presbytery, and call upon Mr. Gilfillan to look at its terms, and give what explanations he may deem fit." In supporting the motion, Mr. Muir said he regretted very much, for the sake of the Edinburgh Presbytery, that this motion had been transmitted. What that Presbytery had done must be admitted to be constitutional; but those outside would reckon it to be officious interference. He had felt that for many years past the Presbytery of Dundee, and especially a prominent member in it, had been under a watchful, secret espionage—a band of select friends in Edinburgh had been hovering over them, ready like birds of prey to dart down and seize them, should any erratic movement take place, or any appearance of remissness of duty. A very grave charge had been brought against Mr. Gilfillan for using strong expressions against the Confession, and he (Mr. Muir) thought his language was unbecomingly strong; but he was glad, for the sake of the Doctors who had taken up the subject, that he had only taken up three dogmas. The speaker then went on to compare the utterances of the Edinburgh divines with the teaching of the Standards of the Church, and to contend that, both with regard to the doctrine of "eternal reprobation" and the "damnation of non-elect infants," their statements were in antagonism to those contained in the Confession of Faith and the subordinate Standards. With reference to the dogma of the creation of the world in six days, Professor Harper, Dr. Johnston, and Dr. Thomson were not at one among themselves. Professor Harper declared that if they meddled with the words in the Confession they meddled with the words of the Fourth Commandment. Dr. Johnston said that millions of millions of ages had passed in the growth of our globe; then Dr. Thomson brought a charge against the Westminster divines that they seemed to confound the creative act with the subsequent formative process and periods. What was the difference between the utterance of Dr. Thomson and Mr. Gilfillan on the answer to the question, "What is the work of creation?" Dr. Thomson said it failed to give the teaching of God's Word. Mr. Gilfillan said, in his own style, it is false and blundering. Dr. Thomson spoke offensively against the honesty of Mr. Gilfillan, because he had subscribed the Confession and spoke very strongly against its teaching. Where was the Doctor's honesty? He had subscribed the Confession, and spoke very plainly and irreverently against it. Having noticed the cry for revision of the Standards, and warned the Edinburgh divines to beware of interfering with a system of divinity so admirably arranged, so philosophically and logically compacted, lest the whole fabric toppled to the ground, Mr. Muir proceeded to answer the question why the Dundee Presbytery did not take up Mr. Gilfillan. It was not because they did not read the prints of the day. He would make a confession. It was fear—not fear of Mr. Gilfillan—for every one of them loved him for his kindness and warmth of heart, and for his obliging disposition. They were afraid of his literary attainments, his great gifts, his great genius. Many would rail against him, and at the same time take advantage of his fine imaginative writings—would seek to crush him, and at the same time steal his finest figures and fancies. But they did fear to enter on his case, though they were convinced that the doctrines mentioned by him were in the subordinate Standards, and that his language against them was by far too reckless and unguarded. They did fear to enter on his case, lest, as Mrs. Whitelaw, of Dunbar, said, they would make a mess of it. But what had the Edinburgh Presbytery done? They had taken anything and everything like a case from the Presbytery—had stolen their "brief"—had removed the ground from under their feet—had, in fact, talked it away to their own hurt, had prejudged the case. And what was their wise decision? "We announce that Mr. Gilfillan does not understand the dogmas he specifies—in fact, they are not in the Confession; he misunderstands its teaching." He (Mr. Muir) did not believe this. He held that the Edinburgh Presbytery had moved far away from the standards themselves—that they had in fact assoilzied Mr. Gilfillan.

Mr. Russell, New Rattray, Blairgowrie, seconded the motion.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Laurie, Dundee, having also supported the motion, it was thereafter put to the meeting and unanimously agreed to.

The Moderator then called upon Mr. Gilfillan to make such a statement as he might desire to submit.

Mr. Gilfillan, who was received with loud applause, said—It has been suggested to me that I should make a short statement to the Presbytery to-day. And this I cheerfully do, but with the proviso that it shall not be very long. My former statement is on record, and so explicit, and contains my sentiments in a manner I feel so little inclination to alter, that what I now say must be chiefly supplemental, as well as short, the more as the large minority in the Edinburgh Presbytery, by opposing any action in the case, seemed to ratify my statement. A good deal has been said about the vagueness and the overstrength of the charges which I brought in the last chapter of my little volume against the Confession of Faith, and especially in one of my letters against the Shorter Catechism. Certainly the statements in that chapter were some of them considerably suggested; and were I to republish the book,

THE BISHOP OF CALCUTTA ON ECLECTICISM.

The thirteenth anniversary meeting of the Family Literary Club was held at Calcutta on Friday, 4th March, when the Lord Bishop delivered a lecture on "Eclecticism."

Sir R. Temple, K. C. S. I., was in the chair.

The lecturer said that the subject which he had chosen for his discourse was the records of the past. They were full of instruction, and very useful. If any one had a desire to serve his country—if any one wished to push himself forward towards the goal—it was plain that he must not forget the records of the past, which would partly be a warning to him and partly an encouragement, and he would have to turn them to good account. He (the lecturer) said he would first draw the attention of his hearers to the school of thought called Eclectic among the ancients, and then apply the moral to present circumstances. He would ask them to accompany him to the Roman fleet voyaging over the Mediterranean Sea. The Roman Emperor is on board one of the vessels, intending to visit his extensive dominions. That emperor is Adrian, a very inquisitive man, and one who looked very closely into everything; but the lecturer could not say whether the knowledge he so gained he turned to good account. He was in one sense an Eclectic. At Rome he would worship the gods of his own city, and see that other men did so; but when he went to Greece, he laughed and sneered at the gods of the Romans. He was, however, very diligent to acquire a superficial knowledge of his dominions. He was at this time on board one of his own vessels, and was going to the second city in his realm—to Alexandria, the birth-place of Eclecticism. Alexandria was at one time a very famous and beautiful city. If any one came from England by the overland route, he would see afar off, before landing in Egypt, a pillar called Pompey's Pillar. He would also come across other scattered and broken remains of buildings, which would bear testimony to the grandeur of ancient Alexandria. He would suppose now that Adrian has landed. Before him lies a magnificent city. It is lined with rich relics of all the grandeur of the Pharaohnic times. This street before him is the finest in the world. There is the magnificent palace of the Ptolemies, kings of Egypt, containing the wealth of Egypt. The harbours are full of ships, probably assembled there to greet the Emperor's landing. There are corn-ships and others which carry on the vast internal commerce of Rome. There is also the Temple of Serapis, reckoned only to be second to his Roman Capitol. Adrian passes along the streets, and the people are saluting him. They flatter and adore him, but only to scoff and speak ill of him when he leaves them. He goes to examine the museum. It has a menagerie and a library, and is called the Serapeum. There are treasures in it (700,000 volumes) which have been gathered for many generations. The population of Alexandria is very Eclectic. Alexandria was founded by Alexander the Great, and he introduced into it many learned Greeks, and also planted a colony of Jews there. There were the Egyptians there, remnants of that race once mighty and powerful, but afterwards abased, and brought low, in accordance with the prophecies of scripture. In the university were people from every part of the then known world, who had assembled there to study. The population of Alexandria at that time was about 600,000 inhabitants. They did not bear a very high character. Adrian characterizes them in his letter as worshippers indifferently of God—but above all of gain.

All these facts come to us as records of the past. Adrian probably libels the men of Alexandria. It was not likely that the Eclectic would be altogether what such men as Adrian describe. Alexandria was the birthplace of Eclecticism. The museum is full of students, who were very distinguished for their learning and a desire to acquire knowledge, and were the galaxy of human intellect at that time. There were grammarians, poets, geographers, geometricians, doctors, anatomists, and men excelling in all the sciences. A great intellectual movement was going on amongst them. People from every part of the then known world assembled in that famous university. The people round about them were very violent and turbulent, but active and diligent in commercial pursuits. But the students are in the museum. In it we must look for that school which is the subject of this lecture. Those who belong to this school are deeply engaged in meditations on the destiny of man. There are higher objects than those of science. It is in those higher studies that they are Eclectic. For what is Eclecticism? It is to make distinctions—to pick a little here, gather a little there. Ammonius Sachus was the first of the Eclectics. It is true that Philo, Plutarch, and Apollonius of Tyne were in some sense Eclectics, but it was in Alexandria that Eclecticism proper had its birth. If we trace briefly the fragmentary history of these men, we will find that their whole life had a singularly scientific order. They were very serious, and tried to find out that God whom they had felt within their souls. They studied Plato and other Greek philosophers. They then went to the East to gather knowledge, and there can be no doubt that they had imbibed many of their notions from the Persians. They also came to India. At that time Buddhism, as is evident from the records of Asoka and the travels of the two Chinese pilgrims, was prevalent there. In fact they went to every part of the world—anxious enquirers after knowledge. They studied philosophy at Athens and Rome, where they came in contact with the ablest men of the then known world; and not satisfied with what they learnt, they went to the East. Now, the question is—why did they become Eclectics? There were many systems of religion then—paganism, idolatry, the philosophy of Greece, the philosophy of the Stoics and the Epicureans in Rome, &c.; but these had not so much influence with them as the more ancient Grecian theories. They studied the Jewish scriptures with Jews such as Philo. Then, again, Christianity was at their door with such men as Pantænus, Clement, Origen. There were Christian men of great learning and thought, diligent students of not only their own books, but also of those of the heathen philosophy. These Eclectics looked to one philosophy and then to another, to one religion and then to another, and selected what they liked best from each. They would look into Plato and then into Aristotle, and say "We will join the choicest fragments of the best we we can; we will look into Jewish religion, and we will take from it what we like. Then we will look into Christianity. It has fine ideas and noble thoughts; we will take them, but not give ourselves over to it. What is most attractive amongst the barbarian theories we will take, but not give ourselves to them. We will select truths here and there. We will reject the dogmas or the commandments—the husk and the chaff." They trusted to their own wisdom and intuitive learning. When they came into collision with Christianity, they became Eclectics. They were, however, very much wanting in originality of thought and purpose. Thus they fashioned and moulded, however every religious field, choosing and rejecting with impartial equanimity. Even the Gnostics, who were mingled with them, took many of their ideas from Christianity. They were also Eclectics. They chose ideas here and there, and spun them into very elaborate theses, according to their knowledge or their inspiration or their imagining